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About this record

This volume contains copies of letters outward from the two successive Residents in the Persian Gulf at Bushire; Colonel Ephraim **Gerrish Stannus, from April 1826 to March 1827**, and Captain (later Major) David Wilson, from March **1827 to January 1829**. There are also letters written by the Acting Resident Lieutenant Samuel Hennell between June and October 1828, a period when Wilson was in Bombay visiting Sir John Malcolm.

The letters are addressed to notable figures in the Gulf region, including the Prince of Shiraz, the Imam of Muscat, the Prince of Fars and Agents in Bushire, Bahrein [Bahrain], Shiraz, Mogoo [Bandar-e Moghūyeh], Sharga [Sharjah] and other areas of the Gulf. The majority of letters begin by enquiring after the health and wellbeing of the recipient, and many letters extend offers of friendship and offer assistance in negotiating and maintaining peace between two parties. Subjects include an incident between Arrathoon Malcolm and his nephew, the habitation of Derah by the Soceedan Tribe, periods of conflict between Shaikh Tanoon [Ṭaḥnūn bin Shakhbūṭ Āl Nahyān] ruler of Aboothabee [Abu Dhabi] and Sultan bin Sagger [Sulṭān bin Saqr] ruler of Sharjah, Stannus's resignation as Resident and events preceding it, the matter of the Dumookh Tribe, the debt of Ibrahim the Shroff, several acts of piracy and the attempts made by the Resident and his Agents to seek the perpetrators and the calls to capture and punish offenders, cossids [official messengers] and their work and pay, and Wilson's voyage to Bombay with events that occurred in his absence.





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a more friendly line of conduct towards his benefactor
and kinsman. — I shall be happy to be favored with
a line in reply to this and to be informed of your health
and prosperity.
Bushire 7th April 1826. / Signed / Eph. Stannus
28th Shahar. Resident
To, Shaikh Sanoon bin Shakboot
A.C. Dr. Rich has made me acquainted
with the late transactions at Dedda and Abothabee,
and I have read with attention the letters which
have been addressed to him on the subject of Soocedan
bin Sal together with the report of Capt. Elvon who was
commissioned to inquire into the matter. From all these
Statements I am quite satisfied that you have just cause
to complain against Soocedan bin Sal and the fugitive
who accompanied him to B. It does not appear
however that Soocedan has been in any way concerned in
the attack on the Dugla, which was undertaken contrary
to his wish and has occasioned the expulsion of the
guilty persons from Dedda, but his departure from
Abothabee without paying his debts is highly blameworthy,
and the seizure of his boats for the accommodation
of his people was an irregular and might
even in strictness be considered under the denomination of
piracy, had it not, as Soocedan asserts, been effected
without violence and had not several of his own boats
been abandoned and thus become available to the
owners of those which were carried off by his Party.
The guilt of Obid bin Sadoon and his brother They Khan is
clearly established, and it is to be hoped that they will soon
meet with the punishment which they merit, as soon
as we can discover the place where they retreat. I shall ex-
ert all my influence to get them delivered up, and
I am happy to find that Shaikh Abdool Karim bin Ah-
med is equally desirous of their apprehension. — They
are public robbers and must if possible be prevented
from doing any further mischief.
W.H.



With regard to Shaikh Abdoola I can not perceive that his conduct in this affair has been such as you describe it or that he has evinced any unfriendly disposition towards you. It is true that he has afforded an asylum to Soocedan bin Sal, but this can only be considered as an act of hospitality which it would have been dishonorable in an Arab to decline and which will surely not be regarded as a crime by a person of your spirit and liberality. - I shall intimate to Shaikh Abdoola that it is incumbent on him, to deliver up without loss of time, the Boats and property which have been captured from your subjects, and I shall also express my sentiments respecting the improper conduct of Soocedan bin Sal who may perhaps be induced on a promise of pardon, to return to his allegiance. -

On the part of Abdoola bin Ahmed however there are also some grievances to be redressed, and if it be true that 12 Boats belonging to the people of Bedda have been plundered by the vessels which were sent in pursuit of Soocedan - you will admit that he has reason to complain of a fact of an aggression, and that it will not be unreasonable to expect that you will consent to an accommodation on the basis of mutual forgiveness. -

I have taken the liberty to offer my opinion on this unpleasant subject with the frankness of a friend but I trust without partiality to either side. The wish of the British Government is to maintain tranquillity among the allied Tribes, but Justice will always be their first consideration and I trust that both these important objects may be attained without difficulty on the present occasion. - Favor me with a reply to my letter by an early opportunity. - It will afford me the highest satisfaction to find that you place sufficient confidence in friendship to accept of my mediation in settling your differences with the Bahrein Government. -

Bushire
11th April 1826.

/Signed/ E. G. Stannus
Resident



To: Shaikh Abdoola bin Ahmed
A.C.

On my return to Bushire I was grieved to find that a misunderstanding had arisen between you and Shaikh Tanoon and under the impulse of friendly zeal for the interest of both I took immediate steps to acquire full information relative to the subject by consulting the letters and statements which had been received from yourself and Shaikh Tanoon as well as from other quarters and particularly the report of Lieut. Elwon who was despatched to ascertain the cause of those and any differences. The following is the result of my inquiries.

It appears that Soocdan bin Salan an inhabitant of Abothabee and subject of Shaikh Tanoon fled from his country between five and six months ago to avoid his creditors and took refuge at Bidda where you granted him an asylum. On leaving Abothabee Soocdan by his own confession seized several boats belonging to the inhabitants of that place for the better accommodation of his followers. According to the statement of Lieut. Elwon and Shaikh Tanoon this outrage was attended with violence to the crew one of whom is said to have been killed and five wounded. Shaikh Tanoon, on learning of the circumstance despatched some vessels to assist in capturing 2 of the boats belonging to the fugitives. Shortly after this Abd bin Salan and Syed bin Theykhan sailed from Bidda and captured a Bagla belonging to Abothabee killing and wounding several people. They also took possession of an Ovalgowne Boat in which there was one man killed and one wounded. This Boat was allowed to proceed to her destination but they soon afterwards plundered a Boat belonging to Bidda and took the whole of the captured property to Bidda from whence they are said to have since made their escape. Soocdan bin Salan however still remains there under your protection. It is possible that Soocdan may have disapproved of the outrages committed by his followers, altho Tanoon asserts that they acted by his orders, but he cannot deny that he has directed from his Master, seized several of his Boats for the



the conveyance of his people, and left considerable debts unpaid at Abothabee. If this be true, it must be acknowledged that Shaikh Tanoon has reason to be dissatisfied with the conduct of Soocedan, and that you have not acted a friendly part in encouraging a person of his character in doubtful acts of dishonesty and insubordination. I am happy to find from S. Elwon that you have expressed your determination to seize the persons who committed the piratical acts above mentioned should they venture to return to your territory, but there is another act of justice in which it is particularly incumbent on you to perform in order to worth in the most decided manner your sentiments on such proceedings, and to restore without delay the Boats which were taken by Soocedan from the people of Abothabee, as well as the Bugla captured by his followers with all their crews stores and cargoes. These vessels are said to be at Bedda, but at all events you will of course perceive the necessity of calling upon Soocedan to produce them. By adopting this course it will be evident that you are desirous of avoiding a rupture with Shaikh Tanoon, who may at present have some grounds for suspecting your friendly disposition towards him, and altho it might perhaps be inconsistent with the honorable feelings which distinguish your character to compel the removal of Soocedan from your territories. It were much to be desired that thro your mediation he might be induced to return his allegiance on a promise of forgiveness for past offences. This would exalt your credit as a peace maker, and ensure the continuance of tranquillity and good order in which the British Govt. and all its allies are so deeply interested. I submit all this to your consideration and have no doubt of your deciding equally to justice and a regard for the general welfare. I enclose me with a reply to this.

Bushire 14. April 1840
(6. Ramezan) —

Signed/ E. J. Stannus.
Resident

To, Basher bin Rahma
I have received your note and lose

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no time in replying to it agreeably to your request - It is
far from my wish to see your Father overwhelmed by his
Enemies nor do any instructions from the Bombay Govern-
ment authorize me to take any steps whatever against
either party. - I conceived it my duty on the first in-
stance, to check the violent proceedings which were dai-
ly taking place not only against the people of Katiiffe
but also against the people of Bahrein, Dorset and other
Neutrals and for that purpose sent 2 Cruizers to preserve
peace by Sea till I could receive orders on the subject
from India. Those orders have been received and I am
directed by them to withdraw the ships from Damon and
to abstain from all interference whatever between Rah-
ma and the Shaikhs of Bahrein and Katiiffe as long as
the general peace of the Sea is respected and neutral
Vessels permitted to pass and repass without molestation.
These are the instructions to which I am obliged to
adhere while the war continues but it is still expected
that I shall omit no opportunity of terminating hostili-
ties by means of negotiation. I shall always be read-
dy to interpose my mediation for that purpose when
there appears to be any real desire by either party to come
to an amicable adjustment. - If therefore your father is de-
sirous in his wish for peace he must state to me unequiv-
cally the terms on which he is willing to treat, and it
will be my duty to relay a proposal to the opposite
party if I should consider it just. - This is all that I
have it in my power to do at present and I shall
wait until I learn the result of your return to
Damon. -
Bushire 22nd April 1826 / Signed / E. G. Stannus
14th Ramzan. Resident
To Abdoola bin Rahma
A. G. Your friend's letter has been this morn-
ing received and I have not lost a moment in replying
to it, in order to afford you the explanation which
you require relative to the extent to which hostilities
are



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are to be carried between you and Rahma bin Sabin—
In this matter as in all others regarding your own interests
and the Government of your Country you will of course
act as prudence may dictate or convenience render neces-
sary.— The interference of the British Government
being withdrawn I have apprized Rahma of his being
at liberty to prosecute his attacks on Ratiffe and to engage
in offensive measures with Bahrein without opposition
from our Cruizers.— It is probable therefore that he will
take every means of annoying and distressing the people
of both Countries who must either defend themselves or
anticipate him in his enterprises in. As they prefer con-
ciliatory measures and endeavour to avert the conflict
by entering into a negotiation which would probably have
a favorable termination.— Our earnest wish is to prevent dis-
turbances in the Gulf, but the moment that war is resolved
on.— The parties must exercise their judgement as to the
manner of carrying it on and depend entirely on their own
resources.— we cannot assume the right of forbidding hostilities
and cannot consistently with entire neutrality place any
restrictions on the projects either as to limit or duration unless
they should infringe on the rights of neutrals, in which
case it would become our duty to interfere and punish
the defaulters.—

This letter will be satisfactory
and you may be assured that I shall at all times be
happy to offer my services for the purpose of effecting a last-
ing reconciliation between you and your Enemies.—

Bushire 22nd April 1826
14th Ruzman.

Signed/ E. G. Stannus
Resident

To: Bushire bin Rahmah

I have already assured you that the
establishment of permanent peace is the first object
of my wishes.— it affords me sincere gratification to find
that you and your father appear seriously disposed to ac-
cept of our mediation for that purpose.— I have as yet received
no



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no reply to the letter which I addressed to the Shaikhs of
Kutief on withdrawing the cruizers from that neighbourhood
and am consequently uninformed as to their intentions or
wishes in this matter. I shall lose no time however in
communicating to them the conciliatory tone of your
letter and conversation and exhort them to agree to a
conference for the discussion of the claims which may be
advanced upon their territory under the consideration of
some project for putting an end for ever to the feuds
which have existed for so many years between their
people and the followers of your father. It is impossi-
ble for an [redacted] however to proclaim a truce or cessation
of hostilities till I can ascertain whether such a mea-
sure would be agreeable to both parties. but I shall strong-
ly recommend its adoption, and shall be ready to pro-
ceed to Kutief in person to forward by every means
in my power the adjustment of your differences. -
Let me know what you think of this
proposal as I shall await [redacted] reply before I des-
patch my letter to Kutief [redacted] of Abdoola bin [redacted]
Ahmed on the subject. -
Bushire 23rd April 1826 / Signed/ E. G. Stannus
15th Ramzan. Resident
To: Shaikh Abd [redacted] Bin Ahmed
A. G. - [redacted]
Since I had last the pleasure of address-
ing you, Rahma Bin Jahir has despatched his son to
Bushire to express his desire for a peaceable termination
of all differences with his neighbours. This would be a most
desirable event and you would no doubt be happy to con-
sent to an accommodation on [redacted] able terms. - I have
written to the Shaikhs of [redacted] recommending them to
embrace the present opportunity of putting an end to the
troubles which have arisen [redacted] this unhappy quarrel,
and have offered my services to effect it, and I should
hope that you would also lend your aid for such a
benevolent purpose. - Should these conciliatory sugges-
tions be well received I shall set out for Kutief without
[redacted]



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loss of time and touch at Bahrein on my way in order to avail myself of your advice and make myself acquainted with the conditions on which you may be willing to conclude a permanent agreement. -

In the event of your feeling disposed to open a negotiation you will doubtless see the propriety of suspending all hostile enterprises. I shall await your reply with anxiety and trust that your decision will be favorable to the cause of peace. -

Bushire 24. April 1826
16. Ramezan

/Signed/ E. G. Stannus
Resident

To The Shaiks Mahomed bin Eraker and
Majid bin Eraker
Katif

It is now two days since I announced to you the orders I had received from the Government of Bombay to withdraw our frigates from the Bay of Katif and to abstain from all active interference between you and Rahma bin Sabir. To this communication no reply has yet reached me, but the deep interest which I feel in your welfare urges me to offer my opinion as to the course which it would be most prudent to adopt under these circumstances. Rahma bin Sabir has sent a delegate to Bushire to remonstrate against the war with which he is threatened by Shaikh Abdool bin Ahmed and also to propose an adjustment with Katif on amicable terms provided a conciliation can be effected with due regard for his claims on your Government. He may be sincere in their overtures for peace and it is worthy of consideration whether it would not be prudent in you to make a sacrifice, in order to obtain so desirable an object. I am not authorized to protect you against the attacks of your surprising neighbour, but may probably have sufficient influence with him to moderate his demands and I now beg to tender my services in endeavouring to establish a permanent reconciliation between you. Should you approve of my making this attempt I shall proceed to



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to Katiff the moment I receive your answer in order to
commence the negotiation and prevent all unnecessary
delay in effecting a final settlement in which Shaikh Abdoo-
la ben Ahmed shall be invited to join and also to lend
his guarantee to the agreement that may be concluded be-
tween you. In case of your acceding to my proposal
it will be advisable to put a stop for the present to all
acts of hostility, in order that no further obstacles may
arise to the reestablishment of tranquillity. -
Bushire 26 April 1826
16 Ramezan
[Signed] E. G. Stannus
Resident
To Shaikh Nafir Din Abdool Ruffool
A.C.
The Captain of the Scollan has repre-
sented me that he has been at different times obstructed
by means of the public authorities here, in obtaining a
freight for his ship, and that one of his officers
was stopped by the Custom-house people in conveying some
silk to the Boat, and he himself shortly afterwards not only
impeded in his business but insulted by one of the persons
who appeared to have been stationed for the purpose of prevent-
ing any silks or money from being shipped on board the
Scollan. I have received frequent intimations of similar prac-
tices and altho it is impossible to believe that they can have
received your sanction, it is very certain that such is the im-
pression on the minds of the merchants here who do not
dare to declare that they are compelled to keep all valu-
able freight for the ships and Boats of Shaikh Abdool
Ruffool Khan, to the manifest injury of the Owners of all
other Vessels, whether Persian or English. In the present
instance the proof is decisive that an attempt has been
made to interfere with the trade of the Scollan, and that
Captain Mitchell has been exposed to indignity while
employed in completing her cargo. It therefore becomes
my duty to remonstrate in this public manner, against
the continuance of the present vexatious system of re-
striction on the trade of British Ships, and to demand
the removal of all open or concealed obstacles to the
commercial



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commercial intercourse of British subjects with the
Merchants of this place— The person who abused our
Captain Mitchell can be identified by that Gentleman
and I must further request that he may be punished, as
an example to others.

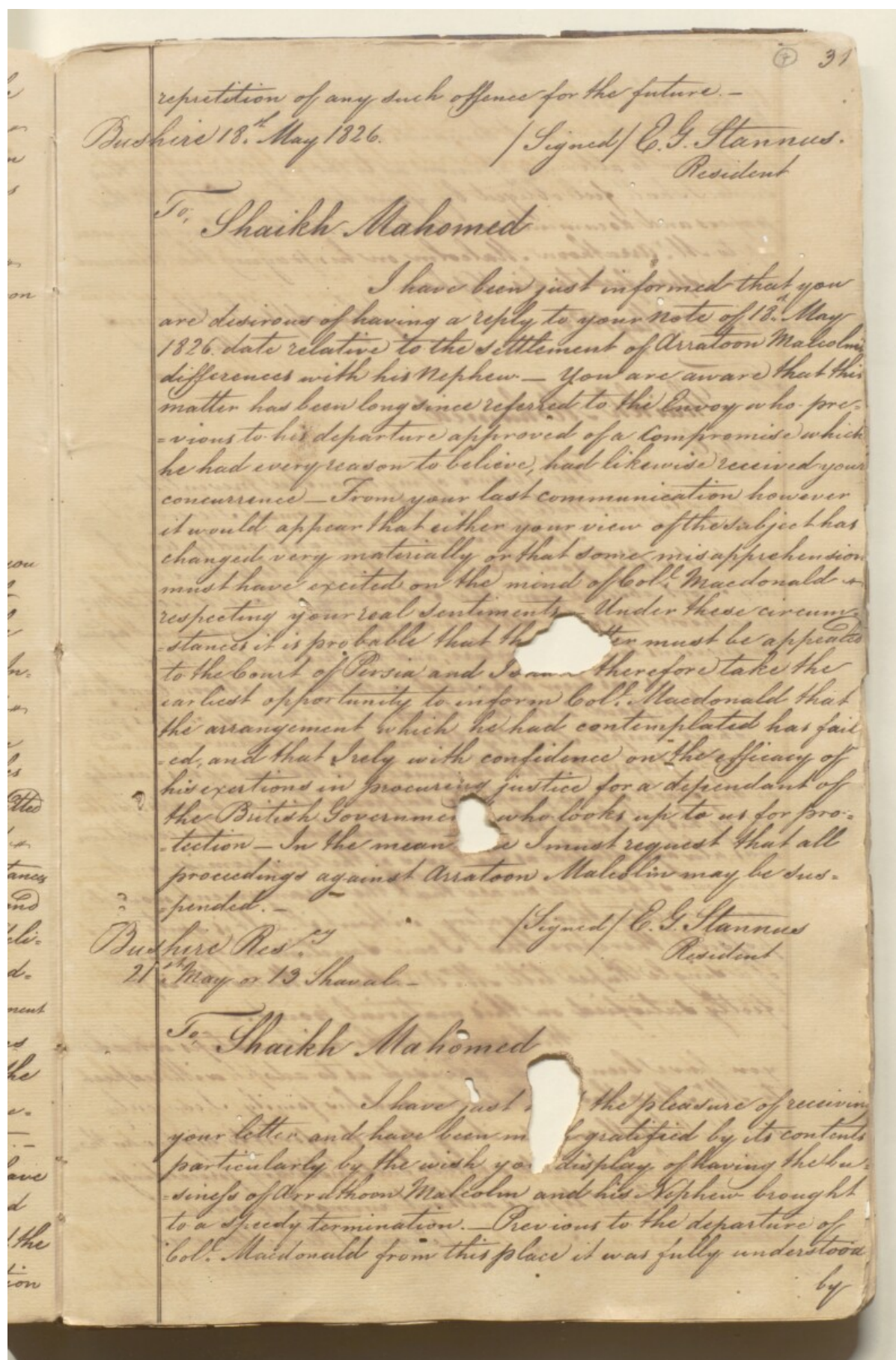
As the Portman sails for India in the
course of a day or two I beg that I may be favored as soon
as possible with a reply to this letter.

Bushire 12th May 1826
11th Shavval.

Signed / E. G. Stannus
Resident

To, Shaik. Abdoola Bin. Ahmed
A.C.

It is with regret I have to acquaint you
with the highly irregular and improper conduct of
one of your subjects named _____ who upon the
pretence of _____ being due to him from an In-
habitant of Mocha boarded a Vessel laying in the
harbour (totally unconnected with the individual in
debt to him) and have forcibly carried away 40 Bales
of Coffee sailed for Muscat the same night he committed
the outrage— Fortunately however on his arrival at that
place the Imam became acquainted with the circumstances
under which he had obtained possession of the Coffee and
immediately carried the whole of it to be landed and deli-
vered over to its proper owners in Bombay— It is need-
less for me to point out to one possessed of your judgement
and good sense the highly improper tenor of this man's
conduct and how much the reputation and credit of the
Governor of a Country is affected when such acts of irre-
gularity are committed by its subjects with impunity—
I trust therefore on the receipt of this letter you will have
the perpetrator of the above deed severely punished and
held up as an example and then effectually prevent the
repetition



repetition of any such offence for the future. -

Bushire 18. May 1826.

/Signed/ E. G. Stannus.
Resident

To Shaikh Mahomed

I have been just informed that you are desirous of having a reply to your note of 18. May 1826. date relative to the settlement of Arratoon Malcolm's differences with his Nephew - You are aware that this matter has been long since referred to the Envoy who previous to his departure approved of a compromise which he had every reason to believe, had likewise received your concurrence - From your last communication however it would appear that either your view of the subject has changed very materially or that some misapprehension must have excited on the mind of Col. Macdonald respecting your real sentiments - Under these circumstances it is probable that the matter must be appealed to the Court of Persia and I am therefore taking the earliest opportunity to inform Col. Macdonald that the arrangement which he had contemplated has failed, and that I rely with confidence on the efficacy of his exertions in procuring justice for a dependant of the British Government who looks up to us for protection - In the mean time I must request that all proceedings against Arratoon Malcolm may be suspended. -

Bushire Res.
21. May or 13 Shavab.

/Signed/ E. G. Stannus
Resident

To Shaikh Mahomed

I have just had the pleasure of receiving your letter and have been much gratified by its contents particularly by the wish you display of having the business of Arratoon Malcolm and his Nephew brought to a speedy termination. - Previous to the departure of Col. Macdonald from this place it was fully understood by



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by him that 5000 R. was to be received by Mr. Gregory in full of all claims and demands whatsoever and as I see no reason to alter my opinion as to the sufficiency of this sum. I shall feel obliged by your directing that all the papers and documents connected with the affair be given up to Mr. Arrathoon Malcolm on his paying the amount above specified to his Nephew.

Bushire 22nd May 1826.

[Signed] E. G. Stannus
Resident

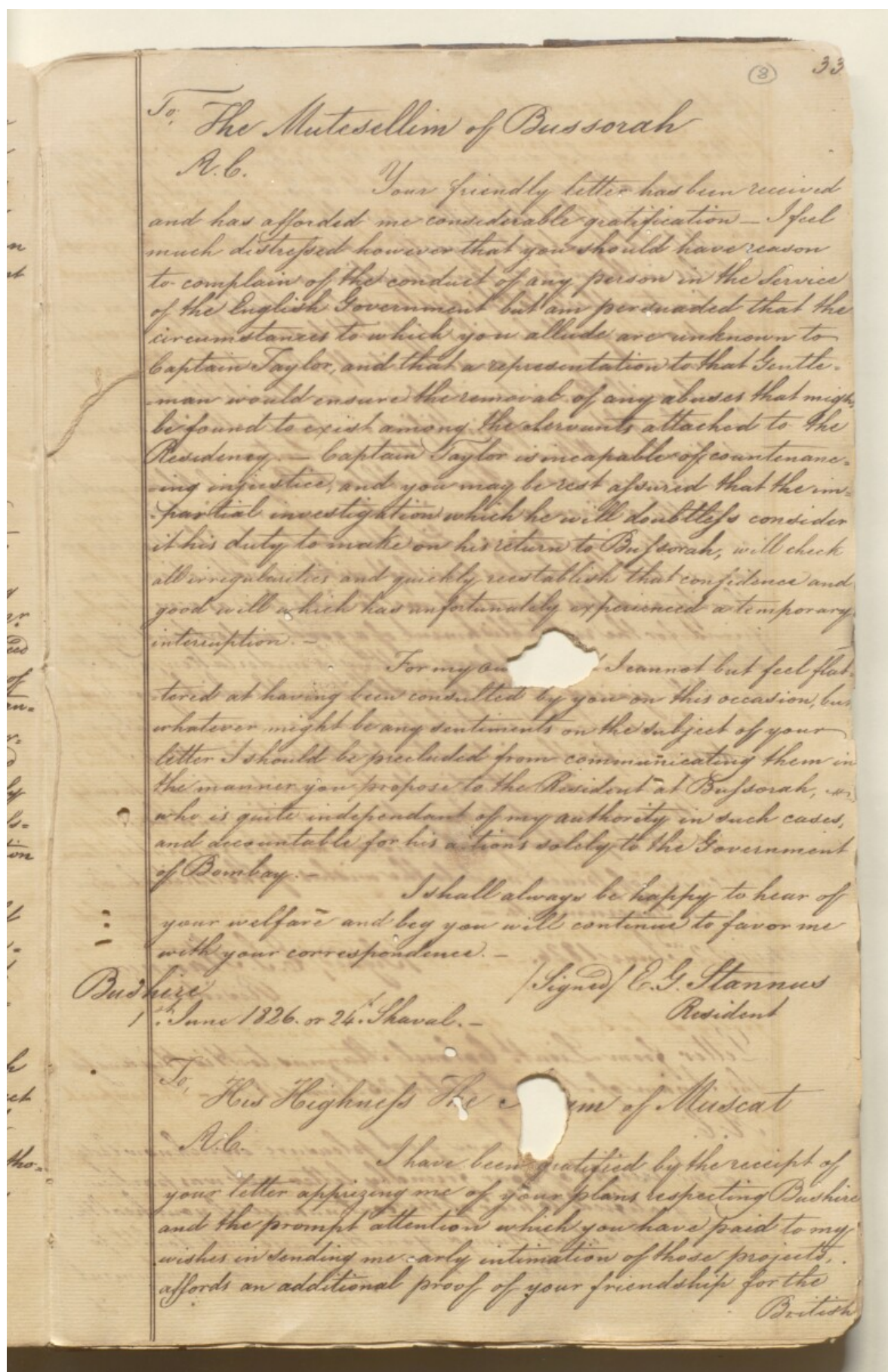
To Shaikh Mohamed
A.C.

The absence of my Moonshce prevented my replying to your Note of yesterday the moment I received it. - Notwithstanding the unfriendly line of conduct which you have thought proper to pursue during my short absence from the Presidency I have directed Mr. Arrathoon Malcolm still to conform to the arrangement agreed on previous to his departure, and for this purpose the sum of 5000 Rupees has been deposited with Mr. Arrathoon Constantine to be paid into the hands of Mr. Gregory on his furnishing ample security that no further claim or demand shall be preferred either by himself or the rest of his family on the score of any property supposed to have been possessed by his father at the period of his death. - This condition was always stated as the basis of the compromise and you must be well aware that the arrangement would become altogether nugatory without it. - It is quite impossible therefore that I can sanction the payment of a single Rupee till Mr. Arrathoon Malcolm is perfectly satisfied on this material point. -

With respect to the violent steps which you have been advised as to adopt with respect to Mr. Arrathoon Malcolm and his family, I can only say that I shall consider it my duty to refer it to higher authority which must decide whether such arbitrary proceedings shall be allowed to pass without animadversion. -

Bushire
31st May 1826. -

[Signed] E. G. Stannus
Resident



To The Mutesellin of Bussorah
A.C.

Your friendly letter has been received and has afforded me considerable gratification. I feel much distressed however that you should have reason to complain of the conduct of any person in the service of the English Government but am persuaded that the circumstances to which you allude are unknown to Captain Taylor, and that a representation to that Gentleman would ensure the removal of any abuses that might be found to exist among the servants attached to the Residency. Captain Taylor is incapable of countenancing injustice, and you may be rest assured that the impartial investigation which he will doubtless consider it his duty to make on his return to Bussorah, will check all irregularities and quickly reestablish that confidence and good will which has unfortunately experienced a temporary interruption.

For my own part I cannot but feel flattered at having been consulted by you on this occasion, but whatever might be any sentiments on the subject of your letter I should be precluded from communicating them in the manner you propose to the Resident at Bussorah, who is quite independant of my authority in such cases, and accountable for his actions solely to the Government of Bombay.

I shall always be happy to hear of your welfare and beg you will continue to favor me with your correspondence.

Bushire

1st June 1826. or 24. Shaval.

Signed E. G. Stannus
Resident

To His Highness The Sheik of Muscat
A.C.

I have been gratified by the receipt of your letter apprising me of your plans respecting Bushire and the prompt attention which you have paid to my wishes in sending me early intimation of these projects, affords an additional proof of your friendship for the British.



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British Government. While at Muscat I took the liberty to offer any candid sentiments on this subject, and they still remain unaltered. I then declared to you that notwithstanding my wish that the differences should be peaceably adjusted I did not feel myself authorized to throw any obstacles in the way of your operation, and it is still my intention to adhere to this system of neutrality as far as depends on myself, but it is difficult to say whether the English Government may not consider itself pledged by its engagements with Persia to interfere more decidedly than I have thought myself justified in doing. Shaikh Mohummed disavows all knowledge of the provocation which you have received from Shaikh Abdool Rasool Khan and is evidently desirous of removing from your mind the unfavorable impressions which the conduct of his Nephew has excited but he has been left without instructions or authority and has requested me to interfere as a mutual friend for the re-establishment of a good understanding between you. I have willingly undertaken, and I shall be rejoiced of the friendship with which you have honored me should contribute towards an accommodation so desirable for the interests of both parties. May I request your serious attention to the considerations which I have thus presumed to bring to your notice, and be permitted to hope that your decision will be favorable to the cause of peace and to the wishes of the British and Persian Governments.

Bushire 2nd June 1826.

Signed / E. G. Stannus
Resident

Letter from Lieut. Colonel Stannus to His Highness the Imam of Muscat - dated 25th June 1826.

A.C.

I have great pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of your friendly letter and was particularly gratified to hear of the continuance of your health. With regard to Syed Humza your Highness will doubtless be aware that not being a subject of the British Government



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it is quite out of my power to use any compulsory measures towards him— Since his leaving Muscat he has had the misfortune to be wrecked off the coast of Dabuty, where he was plundered of the whole of his cargo and property. — I have since been using every exertion to obtain redress for him but have not hitherto succeeded should my endeavours eventually prove unsuccessful I propose to furnish him with a passage to Muscat and from thence to Zanguebar in order to enable him to return to his native land. — On the subject of this Individual's having possessed of property in Surat I beg to assure your Highness that I am quite unacquainted with such being the case.

To, Mahomed Zakee Khan
A. C. Sea, Sea, Sea, Shiraz

I have been honoured with your letter of and clearly understand the nature of its contents— You may rest assured that I shall always consider myself fortunate in having an opportunity of proving the sincerity of my attachment to the Persian Government which from the closer alliance subsisting between the two States possesses every claim on my respect and services — It was with the deepest concern therefore that I learned the Imam's intention of adopting hostile measures against Shaikh Abdool Ruzsool Khan, and being sensible that such an act of aggression would be viewed with regret by the English Government, I conceived it my duty to intimate to His Highness the propriety of representing, in the first instance, the conduct of the Shaikh of Bushire to the Prince of Shiraz, and of trusting to His Royal Highness for redress, begging him at the same time to consider that the English who were ultimately connected with both parties, must naturally feel distressed at any disagreement between them. These remonstrances failed to produce the desired effect and I was reluctantly obliged to desist from any further interference, but I have been lately induced, at the request of Shaikh Mahomed Khan, to make another effort for the restoration of concord, by strongly recommending the Imam to



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to relinquish all offensive measures, and I further expressed my willingness to despatch a Government Vessel for the conveyance of the persons whom Shaikh Mahomed proposed sending to negotiate with His Highness. To this letter I have as yet received no reply but I earnestly hope it may tend to the establishment of peace, if not I can only lament the bad success of my endeavours and be prepared to take advantage of any favorable opportunity of receiving them.

Whatever may be the conduct of the Imam of Muscat with regard to Persia, we are still bound to consider him as a friend and ally so long as he adheres to the Treaty subsisting with the British Government. Our relations in fact are precisely on the same footing with both parties, and were circumstances reversed so entirely that offensive operations were actually contemplated by this Government against that of Muscat. Our situation would remain unchanged and we could only offer our mediation, as we do at present, to avert hostility. This explanation will render it evident to you that we are precluded by the faith of treaties from taking any active part in this quarrel, but you may always rely with confidence on my endeavours to shield the subjects of Persia from injury when it can be done consistently with my duty to my own Government, and obligations towards those in alliance with her.

Bushire

26th June 1826.

Signed / C. J. Stannus
Resident

To Shaikh Abdulla ben Ahmed
A.C.

It is now near three months since I took the liberty to address you on the subject of the aggressions of Loosellan ben Sab against his Superior Shaikh Tanoon, and I have not been favored with a reply. I am aware that it may be difficult to discover any justification for the conduct of Loosellan and his followers and hence may arise your unwillingness to continue the discussion, but this temporizing expedient would be altogether inconsistent with the sound judgment and firmness of character which have ever distinguished you



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you, and I am rather disposed to indulge the hope that you have been occupied since the receipt of my letter in devising means for making reparation to the people of Abotthabee without injury to your reputation for hospitality, or risk to the safety of the person who has thrown himself on your protection. — This is the course most likely to be adopted by an admirer of justice and good order, such as you have always proved yourself, but still it would have been satisfactory to me to have been made acquainted with your proceedings, in order that I might explain to Shaikh Tanoon the nature of the redress which it was proposed to afford him and to prevent as far as possible a subject which had been referred to my arbitration from becoming the source of fresh disturbances in the Gulf. — These you will admit are objects of mighty importance and I have accordingly thought it advisable to dispatch the Elphin Stone to convey this letter and bring back a reply which I trust will relieve me from all further anxiety. — The interests and claims of Shaikh Tanoon are not the sole considerations which induce me to urge you to a speedy decision on this subject. — Soottan bin Sagger has also reason to complain of Soocedan bin Sal, and has even accused the inhabitants of Biddee of being the aggressors in the attack of the Amulgarine boat, on which occurred on the same day that the Batille belonging to Abotthabee was captured by Soocedan's followers. It is surely incumbent on you either to disprove this accusation against your own subjects or to investigate its truth and let punishment fall on the guilty, and I trust I may be informed without loss of time of the result of this inquiry, which if not perfectly satisfactory, may afford Shaikh Soottan a plausible pretence for withholding the remuneration and price of blood, agreed on between you in consequence of the transaction which took place last year, and which I regret to find still remains unsettled. —

There is a paragraph in your letter to D. Meach which I have hitherto omitted to notice, but which I acknowledge myself quite unable to comprehend, I allude to your assertion that Soocedan bin Sal had been taken

A few signatures of the people who accompanied



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taken under your protection by my express permission during one of my former visits to Bahrein. Of this I have not the most distant recollection, but of such a communication was ever made by me, it must have been under the idea that Soocedan had been originally your subject and was desirous of returning to his former allegiance. — It is impossible that I could ever have thought of sanctioning his residence at Bedda under any other circumstances, and if such has been the impression produced on your mind by the conversation adverted to in your letter, you may rest assured that it is entirely erroneous. — About the beginning of the Month of Moharrum, or earlier if possible I intend to do myself the pleasure of visiting Bahrein for the purpose of paying my respects to you, previous to proceeding towards Abokhbeh and Sharga where I hope with the aid of your prudent arrangements to be enabled to remove the present misunderstandings, and to establish an intercourse with the people of Bahrein, on its former footing of cordiality. —

Bushire Residency

6th July 1826 — or 29th Jethad 1241.

Signed / E. G. Stannus
Resident

Memoranda of Letters from Colonel Stannus to Agents at Sharga and Mogoo. — dated 18th July 1826. —

The Agent at Sharga has never reported the departure of Shaikh Soottan for Linga or the motives of his visit to that place. — He is also very remiss in communicating information of any events passing on that Coast, all of which are reported in the first instance by Mowla Hussen at Mogoo. — Opportunities must be frequent of sending letters to Linga, Kishma or Mogoo and I shall expect in future that more attention is paid to the sole object for which he is stationed on the Arabian Coast. — The Fort of Darah is said to be completed and yet we have heard nothing of the circumstance from our Agent who lives in the immediate neighbourhood of



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of that place, nor of the absence and return of Raschud.
Bin Ahmed. -

Moola Hofsen to be acquainted that I have
received all his late communications and am much pleas-
ed with the assiduity and intelligence which he continues
to manifest in forwarding intelligence and making him-
self acquainted with all that passes around him - To
be exhorted to persevere in his zealous exertions and to
be told that his services shall not be forgotten. -

Memorandum of a Letter from Colonel Stannus
to Imam of Muscat - dated 20th July 1826. -

I have received His Highness's letter
by the Munsoory and regret that he should still
persevere in his hostile intentions - I have apprised
Shaikh Mahomed that I can no longer interfere in
the matters, but have not assented to the terms propos-
ed by His Highness, which it is evident could never
be listened to for a moment - I beg likewise to ack-
nowledge the favor of his letter on behalf of Raschud
Bin Ahmed and to assure him that I shall willingly
endeavour to settle the disagreement between that
Chieftain and the people of Trained to whom I shall
write on the subject I hope he will always honor me
with his commands which I shall be proud to execute,
and trust he will continue to gratify me with accounts
of his health and welfare. -

Letter from Colonel Stannus to Shaikh Mohamed of
A.C. Bushire

I beg leave to bring to your notice that a
Vessel carrying Dutch Colours has remained in the outer
roads nearly two days with a signal for a Pilot flying. As
I do not conceive there is the slightest probability of His
Highness the Imam's Ships throwing any obstacles or
impediment.



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impediment to the Bushire Pilots going on board that
Vessel for the purpose of bringing her into the inner roads.
I shall feel greatly obliged by your directing one to proceed
with the least possible delay as you must doubtless be
aware that the remaining in her present situation must
be productive of serious loss and inconvenience to her. -
Bushire 28th July 1826.

To Shaikh Mohamed Bushire
A. C.

I have just received a letter from
the Imam of Muscat by one of the Vessels which ar-
rived here yesterday, and hasten to communicate
to you such portion of its contents as has reference to
the object of the expedition against this Government - This
is all the information which I have received on the subject,
and I am even ignorant whether the Officer in Command
of the Fleet is entrusted with powers to negotiate,
but should this be the case, I shall be most happy to become
the medium of any proposal which you may think it neces-
sary to make either to him or to the Imam for the reesta-
blishment of a good understanding between the two Govern-
ments - It is reported but I know not with what truth
that the Nasret Shah has been sent up for the purpose
of giving the Merchants here an opportunity of landing
the goods consigned to them from Calcutta, and I trust that
should the report be well founded, you will authorize the
necessary communication between the Shore and the Fleet
during the removal of the cargo. -
Bushire 28th July 1826. Signed / E. G. Stannus
Resident

To Mahomed bin Sopleiman
Commanding His Highness's Fleet

I have received your letter acquainting me
with the object of your visit to Bushire and I regret that
I shall be deprived of the pleasure of having a personal
communication with you on that and other subjects - I
shall



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shall take the liberty however agreeably to your wish, to offer my sentiments on the Instructions with which you are furnished. — The restoration of the property taken on the Noosrat Shah is an act worthy of the justice and liberality which so eminently distinguished the Imam and will be duly appreciated and gratefully acknowledged by the Merchants interested in the Cargo, but I fear that the bountiful intentions of His Highness will not be carried into full effect, unless the goods are given up free of duty. — It cannot surely be your wish that the Owners of these Goods should be subjected to a double charge, and a little reflexion will convince you that the Governor of this place can never be expected to relinquish any portion of the customary payment on merchandize imported here particular. — At the present moment when liberal or indulgent feelings can scarcely be expected to predominate on his mind I trust therefore that you will be induced to reconsider this matter, and announce your readiness to give up the property without any deduction whatever. — With respect to your subsequent destination, I have too great a regard for the interests of His Highness, to interfere with his just claims, or throw the slightest obstacle in the way of the recovery of his rights and I have therefore written to Captain Taylor to intimate your approach, and to request his good Offices in obtaining that redress which is the sole object of the expedition; but as the Imam has condescended to consult me on the line of conduct best calculated to ensure a due attention to his claims I must strongly recommend to you the strictest forbearance from all acts of hostility, till you receive further accounts from Captain Taylor of the success of his interference with the Pasha. — The appearance of your fleet in the River, will doubtless give sufficient weight to the claims of the Imam without its being necessary to commit acts of aggression on the persons or property of the Inhabitants of Bushrah or to offer any impediment.



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ment to the usual communication with that place. -
Bushire
29th July 1826. - / Signed / E. G. Stannus
Resident

To His Highness The Imam of Muscat

Respecting your affairs at this place nothing can be more just and liberal than the course you have adopted, or more praiseworthy than the moderation and prudence with which your orders have been carried into effect. - For have thus proved to the world the disinterestedness of your motives and have received the applause and gratitude of the Inhabitants of Bushire. - My anxiety that no part of your conduct should be misinterpreted on this occasion has induced me to take the liberty of suspending that part of your instructions which directed Mahomed bin Suleiman to demand the payment of a sum equivalent to the duties to which the ~~Muslim~~ ^{Muslim} indigent sent up on the ship ~~sent~~ ^{sent} ~~Shah~~ ^{Shah} would be liable on landing at Bushire. - These Instructions I am fully persuaded, were solely intended to prevent Shaikh Abdul Ruzool from deriving any benefit from your liberal restitution of the cargo, and not to distress the Merchants whose Interests appear to have been so carefully attended to in other respects throughout the whole of your arrangements. - But as it now appears that by the strict execution of your orders the innocent alone would suffer, I am sure you will approve of the request I have made to the Commander of the Squadron to give up the goods without any deduction whatever. -

Bushire 31st July 1826. / Signed / E. G. Stannus
Resident

To, Mohamed Bin Suleiman
Commanding His Highness's Fleet.

I have had the pleasure of an interview with the person whom you deputed to communicate with me on the subject of your Mission to this place, and am
still



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still of the same opinion as I expressed in my letter of
respecting the propriety of your delivering up the goods belong-
ing to the Merchants here without exacting any duty there-
upon I shall therefore consider myself responsible to His
Highness the Imam for this deviation from His Instruc-
tions and beg you will have the goodness to conform to
this suggestion accordingly. - /Signed/ E. G. Stannus
Bushire 31. July 1826. Resident

To, Mohumed Bin Suleeman
Commanding His Highness's Fleet
A.C.

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the
receipt of your letter this morning and was certainly
not a little surprised to find the merchants of the place
had been so delatory in availing themselves of the liberali-
ty of His Highness in returning their property - Agreeably
to your wish I have communicated to them your kind
offer of remaining till Friday and at the same time have
informed them that if they had not landed all the goods
by that time I shall not presume again to trespass on your
kindness by requesting to make you further delay. -
Bushire 2. August 1826. - /Signed/ E. G. Stannus
Resident

To, Mohumed Bin Suleeman
Commanding His Highness's Fleet
A.C.

In answer to your note of this days date
I beg leave to offer my thanks for the honor you have done
me in communicating your intended departure and in reply
thereto have the pleasure to inform you that agreeably to the
contents of your last communication I informed the Mer-
chants of your determination not to stop beyond Friday
as they appear to have shown such delay in availing them-
selves of your kindness I think it would be most advisa-
ble for you to be guided by His Highness's orders - How-
ever was my wish for a moment that you should diso-
bey the directions of the Imam. - /Sig. d/ E. G. Stannus
Bushire 5. Aug. 1826. Resident



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To The Imam of Muscat
A.C.

I have received your letter by the ships that have lately arrived here, and regret to find that your differences with Bussoorah still remain unadjusted. I certainly had reason to hope that you had at least abandoned all intentions of seeking redress by force of arms, but you must not suppose that I mean to question your right of acting as you think fit in such matters, nor shall I presume to endanger your interests by availing myself of the permission you have granted me, of altering the destination of your Squadron, but being anxious, as you have done me the justice to acknowledge, to promote the welfare of both parties, I shall venture to recommend to the Officer entrusted with the execution of your Orders, to abstain from all offensive measures till he receives further instructions from you, consulting in the mean time with Captain Taylor, and confiding in the justice of your claims, which will receive powerful support from the appearance of your Squadron in the River. - A prudent conformity to this line of conduct will in all probability ensure a proper attention to your demands, while an opposite course would not only embroil you with the Turkish Government, but excite general discontent throughout the Gulf. - I trust therefore you will approve of my cautioning the Commander of the fleet to avoid all interference with the trade of the River or with the people of Bussoorah till the very last extremity. -

To Mohamed Zekie Khan

A.C.

I have received the letter which you did me the honor to address to me on the subject of the quarrel between His Highness the Imam of Muscat, and Shaik Abdool Ruffool Khan Governor of Bushire, which letter has been accompanied by a communication from Mirza Ally Akbar written by your orders and consequently



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sequently expressive of your sentiments on this matter —
I had flattered myself that the unreserved sentiments in
which I have always expressed on similar subjects, and
which, I will be bold to say, have never been contradicted
by my actions, would have prevented my conduct on this
occasion from being so totally misinterpreted as it would
appear to be, both by yourself and His Royal Highness, but
as those declarations have been so unaccountably misunder-
stood, I once more beg to repeat, that until I receive instruc-
tions to the contrary from Bombay, I must continue to con-
sider the British Government, as entirely neutral in the pre-
sent quarrel, and to add, that I cannot presume to controul
the Imam of Muscat in the exercise of his rights as an in-
dependent Prince, nor to employ the services of the naval
force under my orders, for any other purpose than that
of carrying into effect the salutary stipulations of the
treaty between the British Government and the Arab
Chieftains — Had my conduct, as your letter, and that
written by Mirza Ally Akbar particularly, insinuates,
wilfully tended to disturb the good understanding subsis-
ting between the two States, I should unquestionably have
incited, not only the displeasure of the Prince of Fars, but
the censure of my immediate Superiors. — For my ac-
tions however I consider myself solely responsible to the Gov-
ernment by which I am accredited, and which being in posses-
sion of the minutest details of my proceedings, will be best
enabled to judge whether I have conducted myself confor-
mably to the spirit of my instructions or followed the dic-
tates of my own private feelings on the present occasion —
In conclusion I beg to remark, that as it has been my inva-
riable aim in the discharge of the duties with which I am
entrusted to act uprightly and impartially towards the Allies
of the British Government I cannot deviate without their
order from the line of conduct which I have hitherto pur-
sued and which I have reason to hope will be honored
with their approbation. —

Signed / E. G. Stannus.
Resident

Bushire Residency
10th August 1826.



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To His Royal Highness The Prince of Shiraz
N.C.
I have been honored with your Royal Highness's Communication together with a letter from Jekce Khan and another written conformably to your express orders by the Agent of the English Government at Shiraz respecting the late proceedings of the Imam of Muscat relative to the ship Nasret Shaw, and cannot but feel both surprised and grieved at the light in which my conduct has been viewed by your Royal Highness. The sentiments expressed by your Royal Highness have doubtless originated in false representations but I can never cease to lament that your Royal Highness should have admitted suspicions so injurious to my character, without further proof than the suggestions of such interested statements. It is peculiarly distressing to me that my duty on this occasion should be at variance with the anxiety which I shall always feel to meet the wishes of your Royal Highness, but in such an alternative there can be room for hesitation, and I can only regret my inability to comply with the request which your Royal Highness has made respecting my interference with the free agency of the Imam of Muscat, over whose actions the British Government possesses no control.
It is my intention to send an immediate report to Bombay on the subject of the disapprobation which your Royal Highness has thought proper to express of my conduct in this business, and to submit a justification thereof to the authority to which I am solely responsible for my actions here. Should your Royal Highness conceive it necessary to forward any representations on the subject I shall take care that they shall be transmitted by the same opportunity, and shall delay the departure of the ship till the 23rd Instant in the expectation of being honored with the further Commands of your Royal Highness.
Bushire Residency
10th August 1826.
Signed / E. G. Stannus
Resident



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To, Sooltan Ben Sagger
A.C.

Your letter of 17th Zelhadge has been received and the accounts of your welfare have afforded me sincere pleasure. I am particularly gratified to observe the implicit confidence which you continue to place in the impartiality of the British Government, and you rely on never being disappointed in the justice of its decisions. With respect to the difference between you and the Uttoorbees I am persuaded that it only requires the good offices of a friendly mediator to bring about an explanation which will be satisfactory to both parties, and I shall leave this in the course of ten days to make inquiries into the truth of the circumstances which gave rise to this misunderstanding. If it should appear that the attack on the Amulrawine boat was perpetrated by the subjects of Shaikh Abuloola, I have no doubt of his willingness to make due reparation and I shall of course recommend him to do so, but if not you will immediately see the propriety of releasing him from all responsibility and seek remuneration from those who have injured you. The former transaction alluded to in your letter is entirely distinct from the matter now under discussion. That matter was settled after the most mature and particular inquiries by my orders, which have been since sanctioned by the Bombay Government, and I regret to find that the conditions on which your hostage was liberated have not yet been fulfilled. We have become guarantees for the performance of this engagement, and are bound to see it faithfully executed, but as I have already observed justice shall decide on this and every other occasion. It is my intention to visit Bahrein immediately after leaving Bushire and I shall from thence proceed towards the lower end of the Gulf where I hope to write you in possession of good health and prosperity.

Bushire Residency
24th August 1826
or 19th Mohurram 1242.

Signed / E. G. Stannus
Resident



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To Shaik Mahomed

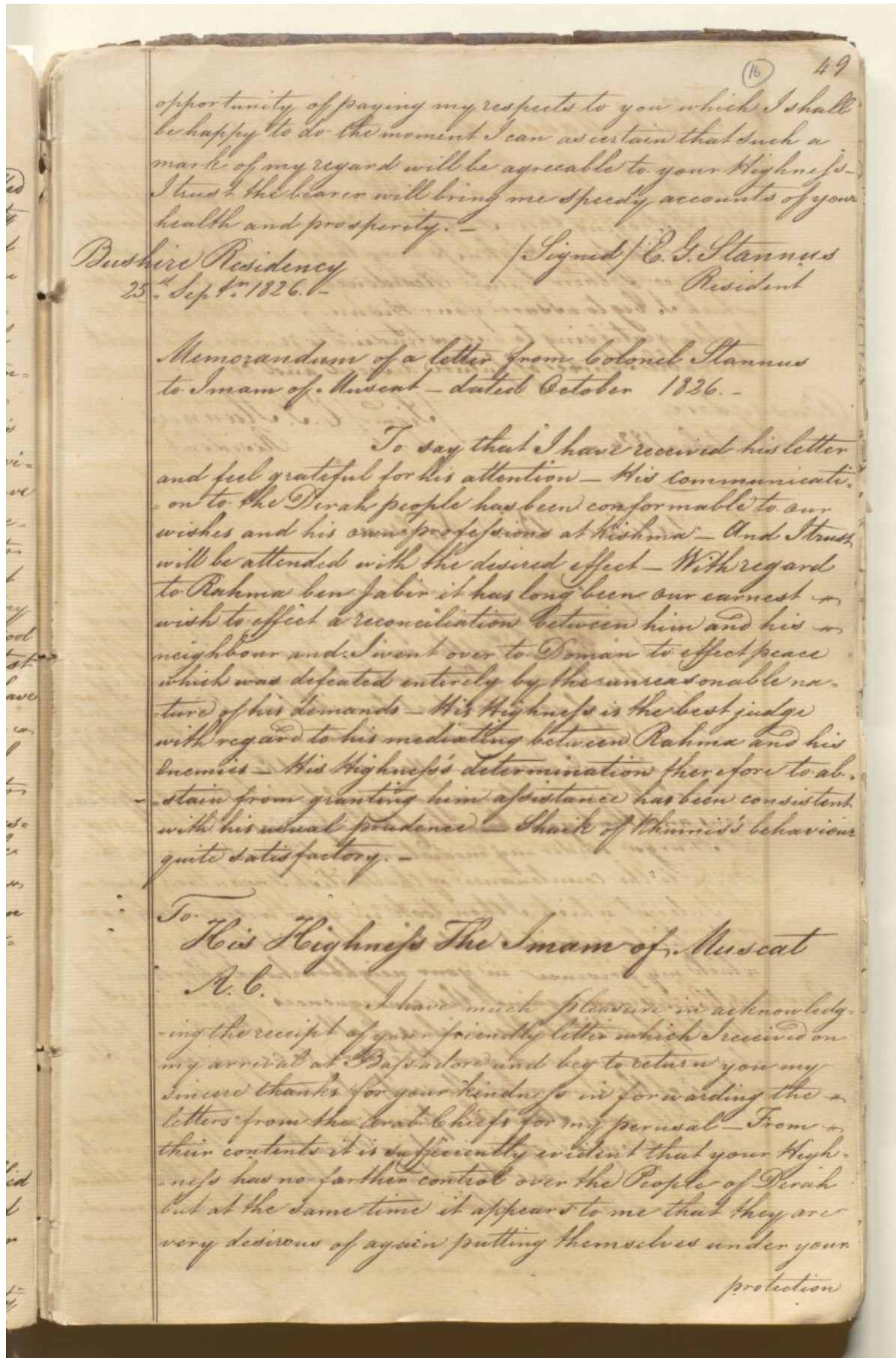
Your kind and friendly letter has afforded me sincere pleasure and I take the earliest opportunity of returning my grateful acknowledgement for the good wishes and flattering expressions which it contains - you will have heard before this can reach you of the unfortunate event which has occurred in this quarter and which has rendered fruitless all the plans which you had contemplated for the reestablishment of friendship between Shaikh Abdool Rasool and the Imam of Muscat. It is much to be lamented that I did not reach this place previous to the engagement as my intercession might then have induced the Imam to adopt milder measures, but at present I do not see how my good offices can be exerted to your nephew's advantage - Rely upon it however that I shall not omit any opportunity of being of service to my friends and that the interests of Shaikh Abdool Rasool shall not want an advocate should I perceive the slightest chance of my interference being favorably received. I have written to acquaint Syed Saad that I am anxious to pay in my respects to him and the moment I receive his reply I shall proceed to him in the earnest hope of being able to discover some means of accomplishing your wishes by reestablishing a friendly footing between the Imam and the Bushire Government. I am gratified to hear that you continue in the enjoyment of good health, and wish you joy on the success of the arms of Persia in the late engagements with the Russians.

Bushire Residency
24th Sept. 1826 or 21st Sept.

Signed / E. G. Stannus
Resident

To His Highness The Imam of Muscat

In the course of my visit to the Allied Chieftains on the Arabian Coast, Yesterday arrived at this Place, and was much pleased to find that your presence in the neighbourhood would afford me an opportunity



opportunity of paying my respects to you which I shall be happy to do the moment I can ascertain that such a mark of my regard will be agreeable to your Highness. I trust the bearer will bring me speedy accounts of your health and prosperity. -

Bushire Residency
25th Sep^r 1826.

[Signed] E. G. Stannus
Resident

Memorandum of a letter from Colonel Stannus to Imam of Muscat - dated October 1826. -

To say that I have received his letter and feel grateful for his attention - His communication to the Derah people has been conformable to our wishes and his own professions at Kishina - And I trust will be attended with the desired effect - With regard to Rahma ben Jaber it has long been our earnest wish to effect a reconciliation between him and his neighbour and I went over to Doman to effect peace which was defeated entirely by the unreasonable nature of his demands - His Highness is the best judge with regard to his mediating between Rahma and his enemies - His Highness's determination therefore to abstain from granting him assistance has been consistent with his usual prudence - Thank of Thunni's behaviour quite satisfactory. -

To His Highness The Imam of Muscat
A.C.

I have much pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of your friendly letter which I received on my arrival at Bassadore and beg to return you my sincere thanks for your kindness in forwarding the letters from the Arab Chiefs for my perusal - From their contents it is sufficiently evident that your Highness has no farther control over the People of Derah but at the same time it appears to me that they are very desirous of again putting themselves under your protection



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protection - Under these circumstances I take the liberty to submit to your Highness whether it would not be advantageous for all parties if your Highness were to extend your countenance to them upon condition of their destroying their Fortifications and removing to any spot which your Highness may think proper to fix as the place of their future Residence, an arrangement which I beg to assure your Highness would prove highly gratifying to me as tending to remove the most probable source of future discord and confusion. -

Barzakhore
4th October 1826. -

Signe/ E. G. Stannus
Resident

To: Salim Bin Nasser

I am grieved to hear that you still persist in maintaining possession of Derah contrary to good faith and in defiance of the wishes of your friend and benefactor the Imam of Muscat, who has been forced by the obstinacy of your conduct to withdraw his powerful protection from your tribe and abandon you to the vengeance of your enemies - You cannot be ignorant that under such circumstances your safety is extremely precarious and that your breach of the agreement concluded at Shurga under my mediation has deprived you of all claim to the countenance of the British Government, but the interest which I then took in your welfare has not yet entirely subsided and I cannot omit the opportunity which my presence in your neighbourhood affords me of cautioning you against the consequences of your impudent opposition to the wishes of all around you - Let me strongly recommend you therefore to be guided by the advice of the Imam of Muscat, who has always proved himself your staunch friend, and by the fulfillment of your promise of evacuating Derah avert those evils with which you are threatened - I have no other motive in offering this suggestion than my anxiety for your welfare, and shall merely add that whatever may be your determination you have no reason to apprehend any change in



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in our friendly conduct towards you, as long as you continue to preserve a proper control among your people and restrain them from predatory pursuits, the slightest symptom of which you must be well aware must inevitably lead to your ruin. -

Bushire Residency
14th October 1826

Signed / E. G. Stannus
Resident

Memorandum of a Letter from Colonel Stannus to Tanoon - dated 26th Oct^r 1826. -

The date of the Imam's communication from Bombassa intimating the departure of all the British Authorities and others connected with that Government in a Frigate which had arrived from the Mauritius on that purpose. -

A Moonshee to write to Tanoon -
That I am in hopes he will concur in the wishes of the Imam for the removal of the people of Derah - That I need say nothing further on that subject after the conversation which we had at Abotshabee but shall only repeat that the demolition of Derah appears to me the only measure which can ensure the peace of the Gulf. Should Shaikh Tanoon still consider himself bound to stand on punctilio in this matter - H. H. the Imam has agreed to send two ships to cooperate with the people of Shaigra and Debagoon in taking forcible possession of Derah and it is hoped that he will at all events remain neutral on this occasion. -

To Shaikh Sooltan Bin Tagger

I should have written to you earlier agreeably to my promise had I not been obliged to visit Muscat for the purpose of consulting with His Highness the Imam on the subject of Derah, regarding which we have come to the following resolution. -

It being the earnest wish of Syed Is. Syed that the stipulations of the Treaty relative to the Soocdan



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Loocedan Trile should be carried into full and immediate effect he has accordingly written to Shaikh Tanoon to express his hope that the people of Derah may be directed to evacuate that place and remove to some other part of the Coast under his protection, but in the event of Shaikh Tanoon declining to conform to this requisition His Highness has in that case consented to station two of his Ships off that place with instructions to prevent the introduction of any supplies from Absothabee, and thus to cooperate with your Forces and those of the Shaikh of Debye in compelling Salmine Bin Nassir to surrender. You will therefore await a further communications from Muscat prior to adopting any hostile measures towards Derah which from the decided interference of the Imam, will now most probably be abandoned by its inhabitants or at all events be deprived of the protection of Shaikh Tanoon, who will not be imprudent enough to quarrel with his best friend for the sake of a few discontented and troublesome dependents. I have no doubt that you will be prepared to take possession of Derah should it be found necessary to have recourse to force, and I shall be happy to hear that the seeds of future quarrels are completely rooted out by their expulsion.

Bassadore

3rd Nov. 1826.

Signed E. G. Stannus
Resident

To His Royal Highness The Prince of Shiraz
A.C.

I have the honor to acquaint your Royal Highness that I have returned to Bushire from the further extremity of the Gulf, where I have been for some time employed in the performance of duties entrusted to me by the Bombay Government. I shall now feel happy to be distinguished as formerly by your Royal Highness' Commands.

During my short stay at Bassadore I was honored with a Dekhan from your Royal Highness requesting my interference with the Imam of Muscat to procure the release of Shaikh Abdool Ruffool Khan and

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of the Ships that had been taken from that Chieftain, but I am fully persuaded that your Royal Highness will admit on more mature reflection the impropriety of my presuming to dictate to an Independent Prince whose attachment to the English Government has on all occasions entitled him to our gratitude. My friendly mediation would have been most willingly afforded, but I in vain endeavoured to learn from Shaik Mohimed or Shaik Abdool Ruffool the basis on which a negotiation might be founded, and your Royal Highness is well aware that without some concessions on their part it would have been fruitless to propose a final arrangement to Syid Saced who conceives himself the injured person and has already obtained advantages which he could not be expected to relinquish without some compensation. The English Government is bound by ties of friendship to both parties but is not more entitled to controvert the Imam of Muscat than the Persian Government itself in the exercise of his rights as an Independent Sovereign. May I entreat your Royal Highness to take this plain statement into your serious consideration and with your accustomed judgment and impartiality decide whether I have shown any improper bias in the course of this unhappy affair which I fear has been taken advantage of by interested persons to prejudice me in the estimation of your Royal Highness. -
Signed J. E. Stannus
Bushire Residency 19th Nov^r 1826 - 118th Rubee ul-Akhar Resident

To His Royal Highness The Prince of Shiraz
A.C.
I have the honor to forward to your Royal Highness a Firman from His Majesty which has been inclosed to me by Colonel Macdonald at the request of His Majesty's Ministers for transmission to your Royal Highness. -
May I hope that your Royal Highness will be pleased to give directions concerning the restitution



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restitution of the property alluded to therein as having
been plundered by the Inhabitants of Dashtee. -
Bushire Residency
19. Nov. 1836. - [Signed] E. G. Stannus
Resident

To Mahomed Zakee Khan
A.C.

During my stay at Bassadore I was
favored with your letter requesting my assistance in
procuring the release of Shaik. Abdool Rissool Khan
and the restitution of his ships from the Imam of
Muscat, but the extraordinary misrepresentations which
were publicly uttered by you on a late occasion respect-
ing the conduct of Colonel Macdonald and myself pre-
cludes me from communicating with you any fur-
ther on that subject, till a full and satisfactory ex-
planation shall be afforded of the assertions which
you thought proper to make during the visit of
Major Lewis.

I have the honor by this copy to trans-
mit to His Royal Highness the Prince a Firman from
His Majesty, which has been forwarded to me by the
Envoy at the Court of Persia and I take this opportu-
nity to recall to your notice the circumstance alluded
to in the latter part of that document - For several
months past I have in vain expected to be honored
with some communication respecting the British
property which was wrested on the coast of Dashtee
and taken forcible possession of by the people of
that district, and I regret to say that the sufferings
and losses of Syed Hamza of Johanna have also
remained unredressed up to the present moment -
These subjects have doubtless escaped your recollection
on the pressure of more important occasions but I be-
seech you to consider that although insignificant in
themselves, they may if once established as precedents, be
followed by consequences highly injurious to individuals
and destructive of the concord subsisting between the
two States - The 5. Article of the commercial Treaty is
agreed



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agreed on between Sir John Malcolm and the Ministers of the King of Persia points out with precision and liberality the line of conduct to be adopted reciprocally by the Governors of both Nations in cases of this nature, and as the facts in both the instances above mentioned have been proved by incontrovertible evidence I shall await with confidence the speedy and final decision of His Royal Highness. -
Bushire Residency 21st Nov^r 1826. 20th Rube' ul-Mulk
Signed / E. G. Stannus
Resident
To His Highness The Imam of Muscat
A. S. I have the honor to acknowledge your Highness's communication enclosing a letter from His Highness Mahomed Ally Pasha for my perusal and I seize with pleasure the present opportunity of offering my grateful thanks and acknowledgements in return for your Highness's kindness and condescension and of expressing the great satisfaction I have derived from a knowledge of its contents and beg leave to congratulate your Highness on the pleasing prospect of soon being effectually relieved from the dangers to be apprehended from the machinations and intrigues of a designing and powerful Chief like Tookey bin Saood. Enclosed I do myself the pleasure of returning Mahomed Ally Pasha's letter conceiving that your Highness would be unwilling to part with the friendly and affectionate communication of a Prince of his dignity and reputation. -
Bushire Residency 21st Nov^r 1826. Signed / E. G. Stannus
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To His Highness The Imam of Muscat
You are not ignorant that Shaik Ahmed bin Khamis an old friend of yours has succeeded to the Government of Bushire in which he has lately been confirmed by a Firman from H. R.



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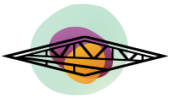
R.H. The Prince of Shiraz - This no doubt will afford you pleasure and I am happy to say that from his character and popularity there are great hopes of his giving general satisfaction - He has requested me to write to you on this occasion and I am happy to gratify him by complying with his wishes. -

Bushire Residency
Dec^r 1826.

/Signed/ E.G. Stannus
Resident

Draft of a Letter from Col^l Stannus to Mirza Ally Akbar the Agent at Shiraz - dated 1st December 1826.

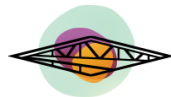
A.C.
By the accompanying Copy you will receive two Letters for R.H. the Prince of Shiraz and one for His Excellency Zaki Khan which you will please to deliver according to their directions. - I avail myself of this opportunity to express my entire satisfaction and approbation of the very comprehensive and correct information you have forwarded for some time past relative to the war between the Persians and Russians the general state of affairs in Persia and the local occurrences of Shiraz - and I trust that in thus conveying my favorable sentiments of the praise worthy and zealous manner you have conducted the duties of your situation as British Agent at Shiraz it will act as an excitement to you to persevere in a laudible a line of conduct - It has been represented to me that an individual named Mashady Ali Akbar had compelled Khawjah Manook of Shiraz to pay him the sum of R. 18 1/2 on account of an Import called the Chinari Rahetar which he stated was due to him on account of Horses lately forwarded for the use of the English Government to Major Jervis at this place - it is therefore desirable that you should immediately wait on His Excellency Zaki Khan and lay before him the circumstances of the above affair at the same time bringing to his notice that it has never yet been customary for any import of the description to be exacted on account of Horses purchased for our Public Service and expressing my desire that he will compel Mashady Ali



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Alli Akbar to refund the sum he has so unjustly taken
from Khanjah Manook. It is not that I attach any im-
portance to the restitution of so small sum as the above
that I have been induced to take this early notice, but
in order to effectually prevent any similar extortion
being established as a precedent.

Draft of a Letter from Col. Stannus to His Highness
the Imam dated the 8.th Decemr. and 8.th Jumad. 1260. A.H.
A.C.

Altho' I had the pleasure of address-
ing your Highness by the last Boat that sailed from
this place for Muscat I could not allow the present oppor-
tunity to pass without again inquiring after your
Highness's Health and welfare and repeating my as-
surances of the continuance of those sentiments of friend-
ship and affection I shall always bear towards your
Highness - at the same time I beg leave to express my
sincere hope that your Highness has ere this received a
favorable answer from Shaik Tahnoon on the subject
of the removal of Salmine bin Nasser and his Tribe
from Derah which may be the means of superseding
the necessity of adopting any other measures against
that place. I have lately received a report from Sharja
that the Inhabitants of Dibayi tired with the long con-
tinuance of hostilities between them and Derah had
made an application to Shaik Soottan bin Suggar
either to restore peace between them by his mediation or
otherwise assist them in carrying on the war that un-
agreeably to my intimation Shaik Soottan not hav-
ing received any communication from your High-
ness regarding the result of your correspondence with
Tahnoon, had declined giving them a decisive answer
at which the Dibayi People being extremely indignant
had referred their dispute to the Absoothable Chief and
entreated his interference to reestablish concord between
them and the Soocedan Tribe, to which Shaik Tahnoon
had consented and had sent an Agent to Derah for the
purpose of negotiating between them. To a person however
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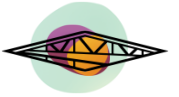


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of your Highness's penetration and judgement it is needless to point out that altho the adjustment of the quarrel between Delage and Derak may be advantageous as far as relates to those places yet still the original grievance complained of by Shaikh Sooltan bin Sagger regarding the non removal of Salime bin Nafier and his Tribe remains unredressed and I cannot conclude with expressing my earnest hope that your Highness will agree with me as to the necessity of adopting those measures against Derak agreed on between us during our last Interview, as should the result of your Highness's negotiations with Shaikh Tahnoon prove unsuccessful or Shaikh Sooltan bin Sagger express his dissatisfaction at the arrangement that may be entered into in consequence of Shaikh Tahnoon's measures.

To, Mahomed Zekie Khan
A.C.

I have just received intimation that several packages belonging Colonel Macdonald the British Envoy to the Court of Persia have been detained for the payment of duty at the Shiraz Custom House, and that you have sanctioned their detention till such demand was complied with. This conduct is so entirely at variance with your accustomed courtesy and good sense, that I cannot help suspecting the correctness of my information or at least that you have acted under some extraordinary misapprehension on this occasion. It becomes necessary therefore to apprise you that 21 Mule loads of baggage addressed to Colonel Macdonald and various Gentlemen of his suite have been stopped at Shiraz by some persons under pretence of exacting Custom House duties, and to request in consequence that the articles may be delivered up to Mirza Ali Akbar, the British Agent at Shiraz and due punishment inflicted on those Individuals who have presumed to interrupt them. I feel persuaded that this simple representation will be sufficient to ensure redress, and that it is quite unnecessary to dwell upon the nature



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nature and consequences of the insult which I have
now brought to your notice, and which must be so
manifest to a person of your well known judgement
and penetration. — I shall be happy to be favored
with an early reply to this communication and beg
you will be assured of my constant wishes for your
prosperity. —

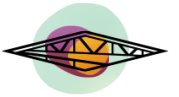
Bushire Residency
1st January 1827

/Signed/ E. G. Stannus
Resident

To, The Imam of Muscat

I have been honored with your High-
ness' reply to my letter announcing the departure of the
British Authorities from Bombay, and now beg permis-
sion to clear up the misapprehension which your High-
ness appears to ascertain respecting the tenor of that
communication — my object in addressing your Highness
was merely to state that the removal of the British Agent
left it entirely optional with your Highness to adopt such
measures as you might consider most expedient for the
reestablishment of your authority at Bombay, to which
I was directed to add, that the Government of Bombay
felt most desirous that as little severity as possible might
be resisted to in the course of your operations for this
purpose and trusted that your Highness might not find
it necessary to punish the inhabitants with rigour, on
account of their temporary connexion with the British
Nation. — I cannot but feel grateful for the friendly
deference which your Highness has paid to our sugges-
ed wishes on this occasion, but beg you to be assured
that the Bombay Government never contemplated
the slightest restraint on your Highness' actions but
were induced by a sense of humanity alone to inter-
cede for the unfortunate people who have undoubt-
edly rendered themselves liable to punishment for
having placed themselves under our protection. —

With regard to the Fort of Nujar I had
the honor while at Muscat, to intimate to your Highness
that



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that there could be no possible objection to your taking a
possession of it, and I trust that after the receipt of this letter
you will have no further hesitation in taking immediate
steps for reducing Bombasra and all its dependencies to their
former obedience.

Bushire Residency
14th January 1827.

/Signed/ E. G. Stannus
Resident.

To His Highness The Imam of Muscat

I have been honored by your Highness's
letter communicating the successful result of your mea-
sures for the demolition of the Fort of Derah, and I
take the liberty to offer my sincere acknowledgements for
the firm, judicious and friendly course you have pursued
in the attainment of that important object. By your
disinterested exertions on this occasion your Highness
has effected an arrangement which must ever reflect the
highest credit on your impartiality and justice, and I shall
avail myself of the earliest opportunity to report to the Govern-
ment of Bombay that at the risk of estranging the attach-
ments of your adherents in the Beniias Tribe your Highness
has maintained the faith of treaties and prevented a renew-
al of the calamities of War.

After the services which your Highness
has thus rendered to the cause of justice and good order, it
may appear presumptuous in me to offer an opinion con-
trary to your sentiments in regard to the final arrange-
ments of the affair in question, but should your Highness
condescend to reconsider the subject I feel persuaded that
you will perceive the necessity of removing the Soorcedan
Tribe to a distance from their present place of residence. In
the defenceless state to which they will be reduced by the
destruction of their walls and Towers, it is scarcely to be ex-
pected that the people around them will refrain from reta-
liating for the injuries which they conceive themselves
to have suffered by the vicinity of Derah, nor that Shaikh
Soollan will omit so favorable an opportunity of punish-
ing the faithless conduct of his revolted subjects. — The
recollection



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recollection of former feuds will constantly give rise
to fresh quarrels, and the enmity which might be anni-
hilated by time and distance must naturally be
kept alive by the daily collision which it will be im-
possible to avoid in so near a neighbourhood. It ap-
pears evident to me therefore that permanent tran-
quillity is not to be expected till Salim bin Nafsin
and his People are established in some remote District
and if Shukh Tanoon feels really desirous of peace, and
interested for the welfare and security of his friends, or
there can be no difficulty whatever in affording them
a convenient place of settlement in some quarter of his
extensive territory.
I feel distressed at the additional trou-
ble which the arrangement now proposed will occa-
sion to your Highness, but you must be sensible that
I am actuated solely by anxiety for the public good
and that this can be ensured only by a further exerti-
on of that influence which has already brought this
affair so nearly to a favorable conclusion.
Bushire 15. January 1827. [Signed] E. G. Stannus
Resident
To His Highness The Imam of Muscat
It is a considerable time since I have
had the pleasure of hearing from your Highness but
I sincerely hope you may have continued in the un-
interrupted enjoyment of health and prosperity.
The affairs at Bushire have within
these few days undergone a total change and your
friend Shukh Ahmed has been compelled to descend
from the seat of power and take refuge at the Resi-
dency. This I know will be the source of concern to you
as I am assured that you have always taken a warm
interest in the welfare of Shukh Ahmed, who as far as my
experience goes is in every respect deserving of your High-
ness's favor and protection. He is at present residing
with me on the faith of an agreement which was con-
cluded



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cluded between both parties under my mediation, but the Town of Bushire is now at the mercy of a Rabble and it is impossible to say to what extent they may carry their excesses since they have had the unparalleled audacity to make every demonstration of an attack on the Residency. This misfortune has however been averted by the measures taken for our defence, but the Government still continues unsettled and the Chief Authority appears to be exercised by Shaik Hussein who has already proved the worthlessness of his Character by exciting the populace to the destruction of a person who afforded him an asylum in his misfortunes and has for the last two months protected him and his Nephew from the power of their Enemy. Shaik Nassir appears more grateful for these benefits, but he is young and undecided and I fear will fall a victim to the violence of his unprincipled relation.

I enclose a letter from Shaik Ahmed and beg that you will favor me with a few lines, which if despatched immediately on the receipt of this may probably reach Bushire before my departure for Europe, which will take place early in next month.

Bushire 7th February 1827

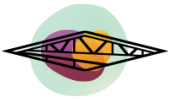
Signed / E. G. Stannus
Resident

To: Shaik Nassir

Shaik Ahmed begs me once more to represent to you that his property is still withheld from him, and that he claims the performance of that part of the agreement, which admits of immediate fulfillment.

With regard to the Horses and property of the Demook Tribe for the restoration of which I have a promise under your signature, I request that they may be delivered up to the person who is sent to receive them.

I beg to know whether you have sufficient authority to guarantee the safety of any despatches or which I may have occasion to send to the Interior, and shall feel obliged by an early reply to this communication.



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Bushire 7th Febr^y 1827. (23) 63
Signed / E. G. Stannus
Resident

To the above no written reply was received -
Shaikh Nassir visited me the same day and in the course
of conversation objected to the claim made by Shaikh Ah-
med of some rice and dates, mentioned in the List of Ar-
ticles, but tacitly admitted his right to the remainder -
nothing was said about the property of the Demook Tribe,
or to the application relative to the Gofsid. -

Draft of a Letter from Colonel Stannus to Shaikh
Nassir 10th February 1827. -
A.C.

I beg to bring to your notice that I
have made several communications to you on the sub-
ject of the restitution of the property belonging to Shaikh
Ahmed and the Demook Tribe, to which I have as
yet received no satisfactory reply - as there can be no
doubt that Charrack is given up and the Munsoory hav-
ing this morning arrived no further obstacle remains
to the departure of that Chieftain but the fulfilment
of those articles of the Unaluma which you have
pledged yourself to carry into effect. I request an
immediate answer to this communication. -

No written answer was received to this letter, but
a verbal message was sent to signify that a reply should
be given in the evening, but on the afternoon intelligence
was received that Shaikh Nassir had proceeded to meet
the prince - and no further notice was ever taken of my
note. -

To, Shooker Ullah Khan
A.C.

The accompanying communication from
His Royal Highness having been received by me last
night, I shall of course agreeably to its contents allow
Shaikh



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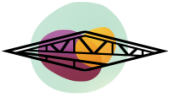
Shaikh Ahmed to remain under my protection until the
Princes arrival here which I understand will take
place in the course of this day - as I am anxious to have
an opportunity of paying my early respects to His R.
Highness I request to be informed of the probable time
of his approach in order that I may proceed out to meet
him - Shaikh Ahmed's greatest desire being that of throw-
ing himself at the Princes feet, and there appearing
nothing in H. R. H. Letter to make it appear that such a
measure would be disagreeable to him I shall esteem
it a particular and personal favor his being permitted
to accompany me and delivered up by my own hands
to His Royal Highness - Should you think proper
to accede to my request on this particular which I would
strongly recommend to your favorable consideration, I
shall be most happy for your satisfaction to receive
from you any number of men as an honorary Escort
you may consider sufficient to guard against the
possibility of any accidents.

Bushire Residence
13th February 1827.

Signed Ephraim Stannus
Resident

Certificate from Colonel Stannus for Shaikh Ahmed's
having sent a request to proceed to the Princes Camp - dated
13th Rajab or 11th Feb^r 1827.

At the request of Shaikh Ahmed who is
desirous of justifying his conduct to His Royal Highness.
I hereby Certify that I proceeded to the House of Shaikh
Mohammed on the morning of the 6th Instant when the ar-
rival of the Prince at Surra was confidently reported here,
to solicit permission for Shaikh Ahmed to go out to His
Royal Highness's camp and submit his cause to his decision.
This message was entrusted to me by Shaikh Ahmed under
the earnest hope that no time might be lost in explaining
to His Royal Highness the events which had lately occurred
and was communicated by me to Shaikh Mahomed and
his Nephews Shaikh Hussein and Shaikh Nasser in the
presence of L^t. McNell D^r. Riach M^r. Arathoon &
Constantine



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Constantine and several other persons of whose name I am ignorant, but the request was decidedly refused by Shaikh Hussein who repeatedly declared that neither he nor any person present had authority to grant it, that the Inhabitants and Tribes were the persons who had removed Shaikh Ahmed and that they alone were capable of deciding on the proposal which had just been submitted in his name. -

To, Shaikh Mahomed
A.C.

It had this instant been brought to my notice that Mahomed Khider a personal servant of Shaikh Ahmed Khan was seized last night and is now detained a prisoner. I beg he may be set at liberty with as little delay as possible, he being under the protection of the Residency. -

Bushire Residency
13th Rajab 11th Febr. 1827

Ephraim G. Stannus
Resident

Note from Colonel Stannus to Shooker Ullah Khan dated 13th Febr. 1827.

A.C.

I have just received information that His Royal Highness' People have stopped the Water carrier belonging to the Residency and that they require the Individual who supplies the Horses of the Gentlemen residing there to furnish Barley and Straw on which account however he will not be able to produce the daily quantity required by us - Under these circumstances I trust you will give orders that no interruption shall be offered to the People connected with this place - In order to prevent mistakes I have given orders for them to be furnished with a certificate. -

Second Note from Col. Stannus to Shooker Ullah Khan dated 14th Febr. 1827. -

Notwithstanding your having directed that



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that no one should stop or interrupt the Water Carriers belonging to the Residency I have just been informed & that they have again been seized and prevented from bringing Water I have therefore to request that you will give positive orders that such conduct may not be repeated, as there are a great many Individuals in the Residency who are suffering much for want of Water. -

Note from Colonel Stannus to Mahomed Zakee Khan dated 14th Febr. 1827. -

A.C.

Since yesterday the Water Carriers of the Residency have been stopped three or four times and their water taken from them particularly this afternoon when they were not only beaten but plundered of their skins I have now the honor to send them to you and must beg that the most positive directions be given on the subject - as should such conduct be again repeated I shall consider it necessary to represent to His Royal Highness the necessity of my removing with the whole of the Establishment belonging to the Residency into the Country as it is quite impossible to remain in a place where my people are liable to interruption and insult. -

To Mahomed Zakee Khan

A.C.

Induced solely by the sincere friendship and affection I bear towards you I left the Vessel this morning with the hope of having an opportunity of paying my respects to you and to His Royal Highness but after waiting some time being given to understand that you are engaged with the Prince and the appearance of the clouds and threatening signs of the weather showing every symptom of a storm or Gale of wind which would most probably be the means of detaining me here several days by preventing me from going on board, it is with great reluctance I am compelled to forego the pleasure



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sure of seeing you and of receiving His Royal High-
ness's Commands previous to his departure from Bushire.
I trust that neither H. R. H. nor yourself will attribute
this apparent neglect to any want of friendship but sole-
ly to the necessity that existed for my proceeding on
board from the causes above alluded to. It is with
deep and sincere regret that I am obliged to leave
Bushire under these circumstances, but it is quite
impossible for me to remain in a place where the
persons who have been placed in authority have al-
ready shewn to what length they can carry their con-
duct towards me. I must however request you will
have the kindness to represent to H. R. H. that my
departure from Bushire is not caused by any altera-
tion in the sentiments of friendship and respect I shall
always entertain towards him but that for the reasons before
stated it is my intention to proceed to a spot in the Junga-
seer District about 4 or 5 farsakhs to the southward of Bu-
shire and to remain there and carry on the usual duties
of the Residency until I receive further orders from my
own Government and where I trust I shall still conti-
nue to be honored as formerly with His R. Highness's Com-
mands. In conclusion I beg to inform you that I have
left directions for a suitable present to be sent to His R.
Highness as soon as possible. -

Bushire's Residency
14th Febr. 1827. J. H. Stannus
Resident

Letter from Col. Stannus to Zakee Khan - dated 15th
Febr. 1827. -

Notwithstanding the reason which I
had to expect that none of the persons who were delivered up
to His Royal Highness would have suffered personal pun-
ishment I have just now heard with deep regret that
Munsieor Khistee has been beaten and is in apprehension
of being still more severely treated. After throwing himself
on my protection I cannot but feel deeply interested in
his safety, and it must be considered as a reflexion on my
good faith if that circumstance does not preserve him
from injury, as His Royal Highness must be aware that



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I should have been bound in honor to have retained him in the Residency, had I conceived his person in danger from delivering him up. I trust therefore you will submit my earnest request to His Royal Highness that Mansoor Kheshtee may be released or at least that assurances may be given that he shall not suffer any further corporal punishment for having merely obeyed the orders of his Superior.

Note N^o. 16 from Colonel Stannus to H. R. H. the Prince dated 12th Febr^y 1827.

You will excuse the liberty which I take in addressing your Royal Highness but the failure of all my former applications for protection to my people thro' the Ministers of your Royal Highness compels me to have recourse to a still more direct mode of communicating to obtain redress.

Since the arrival of your Royal Highness the Water Carriers of this Residency have been repeatedly stopped water and plundered by the Armed party stationed at the gate of the Town and on four different occasions I have received assurances from the Persons in the highest authority under your R. Highness, that measures should be taken to protect them in future. Only two days ago a repetition of these outrages induced me to intimate to your R. Highness my determination to remove for a time from a place where the Inhabitants of the Residency were exposed to daily distress from the want of water and myself to the indignity of being witness to the ill treatment of my people, but this plan I consented to give up at the earnest intreaty of your Royal Highness and under the strongest assurances that greater regularity should be enforced and all grounds of complaint on this subject entirely removed. To my deep regret and astonishment however the insult has been repeated this morning and as I now find that not even the exertions of your R. Highness are sufficiently effectual to screen me and my people from violence I must request your R. Highness to give orders to the local Authority to furnish me



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me with Boats to remove my Tents to a spot which I have fixed on about 18 Miles to the Southward where I shall await the reestablishment of tranquillity and good order previous to my return to Bushire -

To Shaik Naisir

A.C.

I had the pleasure of receiving your letter the contents of which perfectly understood - In reply thereto I beg to inform you that the trouble you took in apologizing for your not visiting me when at Bushire was quite unnecessary as I did not look for such an honor with reference to what you mention touching my absence from that place I perceive you have been completely misinformed as to its cause which I have communicated to the Prince and I take the present opportunity of acquainting you that my return to Bushire will depend on the arrangements which may hereafter be made by His Royal Highness.

Khor Khwar 21st Feb. 1827

Sig. J. C. S. Stannus
Resident

Note from Col. Stannus to Prince Nowshirwan Mirza Dated 23rd Feb. 1827 at Khor Khwar -

A.C.

In consequence of a Message from your Highness brought to me by Mirathoon expressing of a wish for my return to Bushire I have taken the liberty to submit a few conditions which are indispensable to the security of the Residency and credit of the British Government and which must be connected to before I can resume my duties at Bushire -

Draft of a Letter from Colonel Stannus to H. R. H. the Prince of Shiraz - dated 25th Feb. 1827 -

A.C.

I have been honored by the receipt of your Royal Highness' Rukun and Khelant conveyed to



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to me by Mahomed Hazine Khan and beg leave to return
my acknowledgements for the distinction thus conferred
upon me, which I shall always be in grateful remem-
brance. The Bearer of the Khelant has communicated
to me the confidential message entrusted to him by
your Royal Highness and I avail myself of the pre-
sent opportunity to express the high sense I entertain
of your R. Highness's condescension.

Draft of a Letter from Colonel Stannus C. B. to
His Highness Prince Nowshirwan Mirza - dated 26th
Febr. 1827. - at Khore Khwar.

A. C. In consequence of the desire ex-
pressed by your Highness and the Ell Khan thro' Mr.
Arathoon and Lieut. for my return to Bushire
I beg leave to offer a sketch of the conditions on which I
shall feel myself authorized to comply with your High-
ness's wishes leaving the insulting conduct of Shaik N-
Hossen to the future consideration of higher powers -
Should your Highness think fit to approve of these pro-
posals I should wish them to be forwarded for the sanc-
tion and seal of His R. Highness the Prince of Shiraz
on receiving which I shall not delay a moment in re-
turning to the Residency.

Conditions upon which the Resident is willing to
return to Bushire - 26th Febr. 1827. Khore Khwar. -

1st That Shaik Hossen shall be excluded
from all share in the Government and from the exer-
cise of all authority in the Town of Bushire. -

2nd That the Dumookh Property shall be
restored agreeably to the written promise of Shaik Nassir
Khan. -

3rd That Shaik Nassir or the Governor
of Bushire whoever he may be shall abstain from
the slightest interference with the affairs of the Residen-
cy or if any Person belonging to it, and shall not obstruct
the despatch of Cossids, hire of Boats or any species of car-
riage which may at any time be required by the Resident.



on any pretence whatever. -

The above was translated and sent the same day.

Draft of a Letter from Colonel Stannus C.B. to
Shaikh Kuvir - dated 10th March 1827. -

A.C.

I have received your letter and have in much satisfaction in hearing of the continuance of your good health. The Message entrusted by you to your Friend Hyder Ally has been communicated to me by him and I have paid every attention to it, but in reply I can only repeat my firm determination to remain at a distance from Bushire till the complete exclusion of Shaikh Hossein from the Government shall be announced to me and the public by the same authority which appointed him to a share in it. Every thing else is comparatively of trifling importance and as soon as the Dumcoolk property is restored I shall have no objection to evade the other conditions if you wish it as I can always take notice at any time of any disrespect or improper conduct towards me or the Individuals connected with the British Residency. - It is my wish to return to Bushire before my departure for England and you may rely that I will do so the instant I can without lowering the dignity of the Government Represent. -

Draft of a Letter from Colonel Stannus C.B. to Nowshirwan Mirza Prince Governor of Bushire - dated 10 March 1827. -

A.C.

I take advantage of the present opportunity to offer my acknowledgements to your Highness for the honor conferred on me by the Khelant and Rougem which were conveyed by Hyder Ally and at the same time to express my gratitude for the interest taken by your Highness in my welfare and your kind endeavours to heal the breach which has lately occurred. -

Conformably to your Highnesses wishes communicated to me by M^r. Arrathoon I did myself the honor to send a statement of the terms on which I was willing



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willing to return to Bushire and to these I am still ready to conform — after what has taken place I do not doubt that a person of your Highnesses good sense must perceive the necessity of something satisfactory and conclusive being settled under the sanction of His Royal Highness the Prince of Shiraz otherwise did I not consider myself bound by my duty to my own Government to insist on this formality. I should have been perfectly contented with your Highnesses assurances and have desired nothing further — In consequence however of the anxiety expressed by you for my return to Bushire I shall waive the insertion of any conditions in the Ruzgum save the exclusion of Shaikh Hosen from the Government of Bushire providing always that the property belonging to the Durrani tribe be restored by Shaikh Nasir agreeably to his promise — The unexpected departure of your Highness from Bushire prevented my sending the accompanying token of my respect which I now do myself the pleasure to forward and which I trust will be honored by your Highnesses acceptance —

To: His Royal Highness The Prince of Shiraz

The enclosed letter from the Governor of Bombay to the address of your Royal Highness will I trust remove any unfavorable opinion which your Royal Highness may have entertained of my having acted in opposition to my instructions in declining to interfere on behalf of the Shaikh of Bushire during the quarrel between that chieftain and the Muscat Government — I have the honor to remain Dear Sir,

Camp 21st March 1827.

E. G. Stannus
Resident

To: Mahomed Zeke Khan

I beg to forward a letter to your address from the Governor of Bombay, the contents of which will afford a decisive proof that I have been influenced solely



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solely by a sense of duty in maintaining a strict neutrality
throughout the quarrel which has arisen between Shaik
Abdool Ruffool Khan and the Imam of Muscat. -

Camp 21st March 1827. - /Sig. d/ E. G. Stannus
Resident

To: His Royal Highness The Prince of Shiraz
A.C.

It is my duty to acquaint your
Royal Highness that I have obtained permission from
the Government of Bombay to return to England and
that I have accordingly this day delivered over charge
of the Residency to Captain Wilson an Officer of high
character and approved abilities who has been appoint-
ed to succeed me. -

The merits of the new Resident will
I doubt not ensure him your favor and protection for my
own part I have only now to offer my grateful acknow-
ledgements for the personal kindnesses with which I
have been honored by your A. Highness and to wish you
a long continuance of prosperity and happiness. -

Camp 22nd March 1827. - /Sig. d/ E. G. Stannus.
Resident

To: Mahomed Zekee Khan

I beg leave to intimate to you my resigna-
tion of the appointment of Resident at Bushire and
the arrival of Captain Wilson an Officer of distinguished
talent and high respectability to succeed me. I have
this day delivered over to him the charge of the Residency
and shall lose no time in proceeding thro Persia towards
my native Country. - I beg leave to recommend Captain
Wilson to your good offices. He is extremely desirous of
becoming personally known to you and I trust will be
honored with your confidence and friendship. - I beg you
will accept my sincere acknowledgements for the hospita-
ble and kind attentions which I have always received
from you and be assured that it will always afford me
the highest gratification to hear of your prosperity. -

Camp 22nd March 1827. - /Sig. d/ E. G. Stannus
Resident.



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For Capt. Wilson's first letter to the Prince of Shiraz dated 21st March 1827. Page 33 of Outward letter Book comm. 18 Feb. 1827. D. D. Letter to 3 Asakhs. Vide Page 34.
 Draft of a Letter from Captain D. Wilson Resident to His R. Highness The Prince of Shiraz - about 27th March 1827.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of two Rukums from your Royal Highness addressed to my worthy predecessor Col. Mannus. Your Royal Highness having been pleased to view in a favorable light the proposals laid before you, and to command their fulfilment - it afforded me great pleasure to have an opportunity of testifying my readiness to carry into effect the friendly intentions announced to me along with the proposals and to bring back the British Residency to Bushire pending the receipt of orders that must finally be my guide.

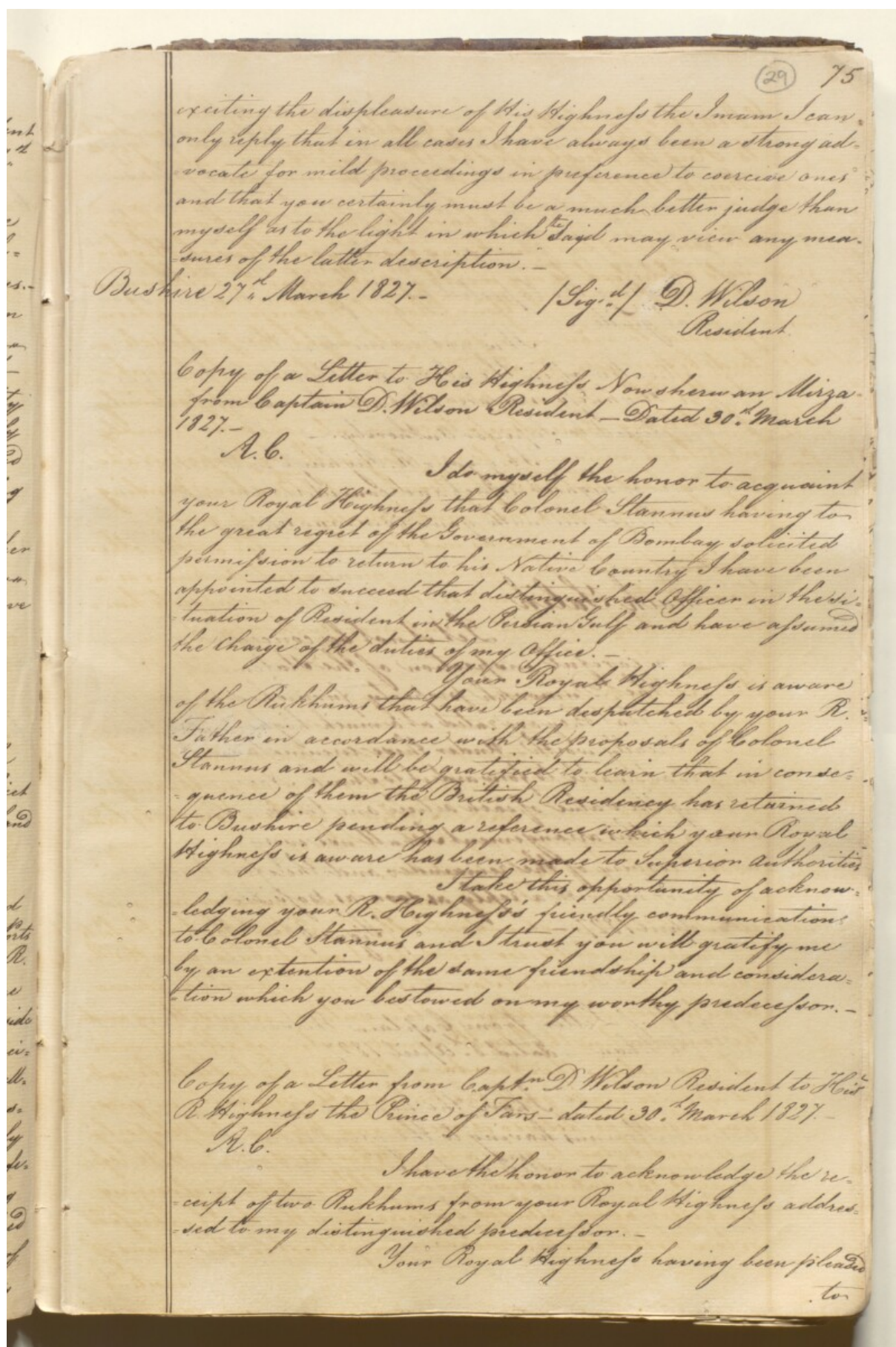
It is not for me to enter on the other matters treated of in the above mentioned Rukums as your R. Highness is aware that all these subjects have been already referred to superior authority.

To Shakh Nasser

A.C.

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of this evening on the subject of the Askeloo Butel and the seizure of the Nacoda to land 6 Boxes of Chinty belonging to the estates of which is claimed by his creditors.

To a person of your good sense and penetration it must undoubtedly be evident that as the Ports of Bushire and Askeloo are subject and tributary to His R. Highness the Prince of Fars it is utterly impossible for me to interfere in an affair of this nature - even setting aside the consideration that by the usual custom of all commercial transactions the Nacoda of the Boat is liable to be called upon to make good the value of the property in question should he deliver it over to any person not properly authorized by law to give a receipt for the same. With reference to the intimation given of the intention of seizing the Vessel above alluded to by force and the doubt expressed as to whether such a measure might not be the means of exciting





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to view in a favorable light the proposals that had been laid before you, and having been pleased to command their fulfilment, it afforded me great pleasure to have an opportunity of testifying my readiness to carry into effect the friendly intentions announced along with the proposals and to bring back the British Residency to Bushire, pending the expected receipt of orders that must be my final guide. -

It is not for me to enter on the other matters treated of in the above mentioned Rukhums as your R. Highness is aware that all these subjects have been already referred to Superior Authority. -

I beg your R. Highness will accept of the assurance of highest respect and consideration and will continue to honor me with your communications. -

To Shaik Salih

Let it not be concealed from you that on a careful inspection of the statement of the value of the Dirmovkh property furnished by you I am of opinion that they are rated at a much higher value than they are really worth. - Under these circumstances I do not think it advisable to forward it to Shaik Nasir without first reducing the value of each article one third. - Should you consent to this arrangement I shall use every endeavour for the recovery of the remainder and therefore trust you will favor me with a reply as soon as possible. -
Bushire 6 April 1827. -

[Signed] D. Wilson.
Resident.

Draft of Letter from Captain Wilson to Mahomed ally Ell Khan - dated 8 April 1827. -
A.C.

I have the honor to inform you that Colonel Stammers having to the great regret of the Bombay Government requested and received permission to return to his native land - I have been appointed to succeed him as Resident in the Persian Gulf. -

Your friendly communication having arrived



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arrived after I had assumed charge of the duties of my situation I beg to acknowledge the receipt and to inform you that on the arrival of the Rukhums alluded to therein I have considered myself authorized in reestablishing the British Residency at Bushire until the arrival of further orders from the higher powers—

In conclusion I beg leave to offer my thanks for the trouble you have taken and to assure you that I shall always be gratified by hearing of your welfare and happy to execute any commissions you may have in this quarter. —

Draft of Letter from Colonel Stannus to Mirza Ally Akbar — Dated 4th April 1827. —

A.C.

On delivering up charge of this Residency to Capt. Wilson it is impossible for me to overlook the advantages which the public service has derived from your indefatigable exertions in the execution of your duties at Shiraz, and I shall be happy to take the earliest opportunity of making Col. Macdonald acquainted with the firmness, judgment and fidelity with which you have invariably conducted yourself. — I have further to offer my personal acknowledgments for your friendly and obliging attentions to myself on all occasions, and to express my thanks on behalf of the English Gentlemen who have visited the Interior for the kind and hospitable reception which they have ever experienced at your hands. —

To: Shaik Navir

A.C.

Having received a Statement from the Dumookh Tribe of the value of that part of their property which was plundered in the late disturbances and which in consequence of the alleged difficulty of restoring the individual articles you have, with your usual love of justice engaged to make good, I have now the pleasure to send it to you for your approval agreeably to the wish you formerly expressed I have carefully examined it



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it and have taken upon myself to reduce the whole of the contents one third, having been authorized by the Dumookh people to make such reduction as I might consider fair for all parties. -

The total amount of the various items as furnished by the aforesaid individuals is 4228 R. which after the deduction of one third leaves 2819 R. this sum I trust you will give orders to be paid with as little delay as possible and by thus honorably fulfilling your engagements confirm the high opinion I have not without standing our short acquaintance been induced to form of you. -

Bushire Residency
12th April 1827

Signed D. Wilson
Resident

To Shaikh Nasir
A.C.

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your communication conveyed by a good friend the contents of which together with the substance of the message I perfectly understood and in consideration of the friendly terms at present existing between us I have after much trouble and persuasion induced the Dumookh people to agree to the further diminution of 800 R. from the amount of their claims leaving a balance of 2000 upon the condition however that this sum be paid for the coming winter without the least delay.

Bushire Residency
17th April 1827

Signed D. Wilson
Resident

To Shaikh Sallah
A.C.

It affords me great pleasure to acquaint you that the affair of your communication has come to a favorable termination by Shaikh Nasir having paid into my hands the sum of two thousand Rupees agreeably to his promise mentioned in my last letter to you - as you have requested for the purpose of avoiding all disputes among your tribe that I should make a proportional division between the four claimants.



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I have taken that trouble after much consideration I cannot find any principle either more just or more precise than that of an arithmetical division founded on the amount claimed by each individual and admitted by you as correct on this principle therefore I have calculated and the results are as follows. —

Shaikh Salah Hadjee Moosien claimed R. 1396 when the whole dam was R. 4228. now that the total is reduced to the above mentioned R. 2000. the dam he is entitled to according to the due proportion and the principle laid down is R. 660. 1. 43. —

Moosien claimed 190 the dam now due is — 89. 3. 49

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The money shall be paid on account of each individual al to any person or persons producing the separate receipts of those individuals. —

Bushire Residency [Sig. d.] D. Wilson
23rd April 1827. — Resident

Vide Bushire Letter Book of 1827 for the letters to H. H. the Imam of Muscat dated 23. April 1827. Page 86. — 827. —

Draft of Letter from Captain D. Wilson Resident to the Agent at Shiraz — Bushire 3. May 1827. —

A.C.

My distinguished friend Colonel Stannus having to the great regret of the Government solicited permission to return to his native Country and having left this a short time ago I have to acquaint you that I have been appointed to succeed him as Resident in the Persian Gulf. — I have now to acknowledge the receipt of two letters from you dated the 17th and 23rd of March which I regret did not reach me sooner as it is of the highest importance that all matters respecting peace or war between the States should be communicated to me without any delay. I authorize you on such important occasions to send your communications to Mogoo with directions to the Agent there to forward them to me forthwith by a Coffin on all common occasions you will adopt the usual course. — Orders will be issued to the



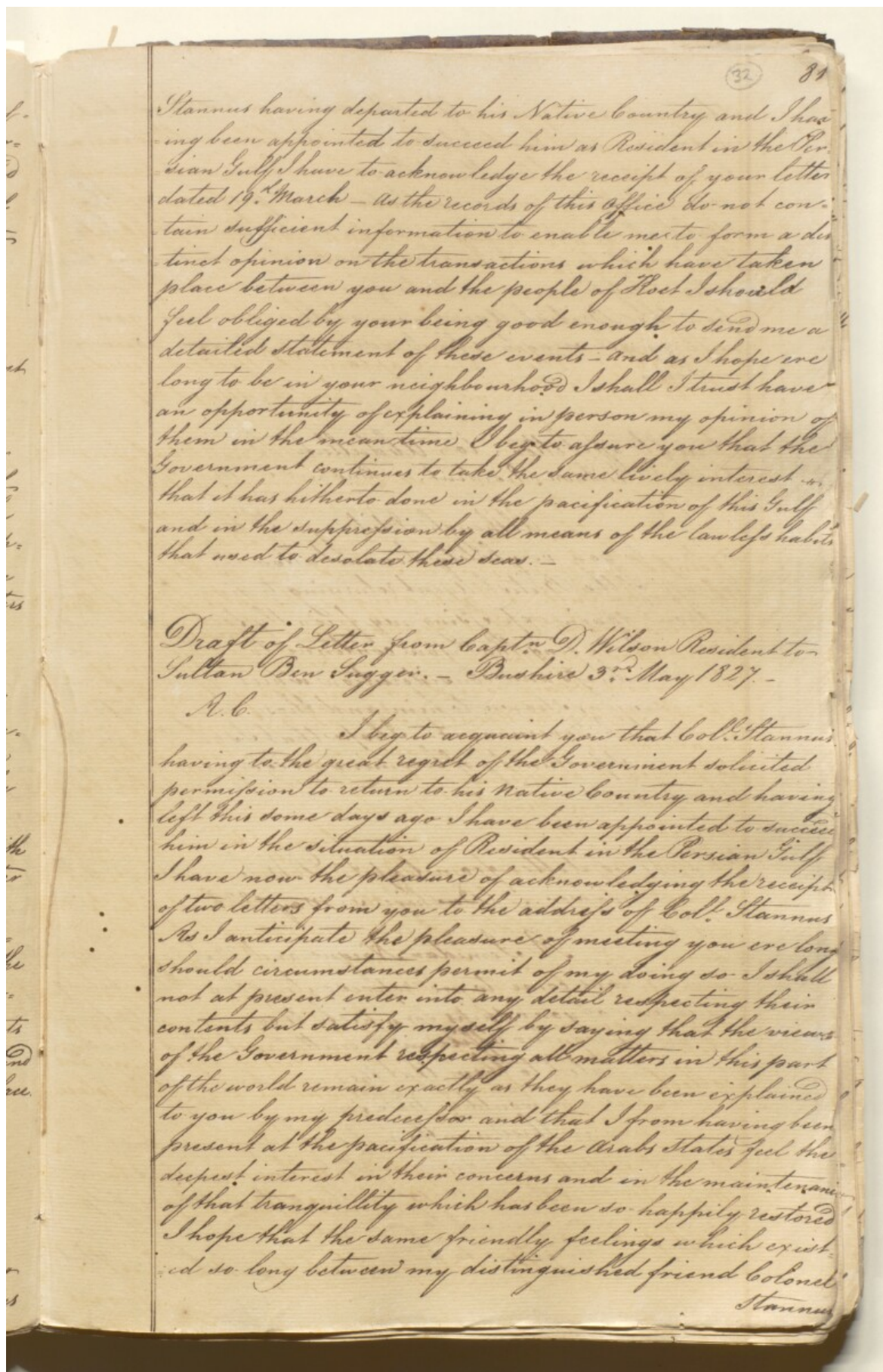
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the Agent at Mogoo to attend to your requisitions - It affords me pleasure to see the detailed statements of occurrences that you have been in the habit of sending and I request that you will continue to shew the same zeal, diligence and accuracy for which you have hitherto been distinguished. -

Draft of Letter from Captain D. Wilson Resident
to the Agent at Mogoo - Bushire 3rd May 1827. -
A.C.

In acknowledging the receipt of your communication enclosing several letters from the Arab Coast I have to inform you that in consequence of the departure of Col^l. Stannus for England I have been appointed by Government to succeed him as Resident in the Persian Gulf - It appearing by the dates of the letters above alluded to that they have been detained from some cause or other a very long period on their way to Bushire I have considered it necessary to authorize Moolla Hussen the Agent at Sharga to forward any communications he may consider of sufficient importance to you with directions for their immediate despatch by a boat from Mogoo to Bushire. You will not fail therefore to attend to any requisition of this nature with the least possible delay - Before concluding this letter I must express my regret at the very confined details you are in the habit of communicating to the Residency respecting the occurrences and proceedings on the opposite Coast - as from the very constant correspondence maintained between Linga and the Arab ports there can be no want of opportunities of obtaining and collecting every species of information from that place.

Draft of Letter from Captⁿ D. Wilson Resident to
Rashid bin Ahmed - Bushire 3rd May 1827. -
A.C.

My distinguished friend Colonel
Stannus



Stannus having departed to his Native Country and I having been appointed to succeed him as Resident in the Persian Gulf I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 19th March - as the records of this office do not contain sufficient information to enable me to form a distinct opinion on the transactions which have taken place between you and the people of Hoot I should feel obliged by your being good enough to send me a detailed statement of these events - and as I hope ere long to be in your neighbourhood I shall I trust have an opportunity of explaining in person my opinion of them in the meantime I beg to assure you that the Government continues to take the same lively interest in that it has hitherto done in the pacification of this Gulf and in the suppression by all means of the lawless habits that used to desolate these seas. -

Draft of Letter from Capt. D. Wilson Resident to Sultan Ben Tugger. - Bushire 3rd May 1827. -

A.C.

I beg to acquaint you that Col. Stannus having to the great regret of the Government solicited permission to return to his Native Country and having left this some days ago I have been appointed to succeed him in the situation of Resident in the Persian Gulf I have now the pleasure of acknowledging the receipt of two letters from you to the address of Col. Stannus As I anticipate the pleasure of meeting you ere long should circumstances permit of my doing so I shall not at present enter into any detail respecting their contents but satisfy myself by saying that the views of the Government respecting all matters in this part of the world remain exactly as they have been explained to you by my predecessor and that I from having been present at the pacification of the Arabs States feel the deepest interest in their concerns and in the maintenance of that tranquillity which has been so happily restored I hope that the same friendly feelings which existed so long between my distinguished friend Colonel Stannus



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Vide Capt. David Wilson's Letter Book of 1827, Comm. 18. Feb. 12. Page 93 ff. the substance of a message sent on Capt. Wilson's behalf to the Sub-Governor of Bushire dated 12. May 1827.

Draft of Note from Capt. D. Wilson Resident to Shaikh Nassir. - Bushire 12. May 1827. - A.C.

I had yesterday the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Note intimating that you were about to proceed to Charrack and that you had entrusted Aga Jomal with the charge of affairs here - as I considered this only in the light of a polite intimation of your intentions I answered it accordingly for it will always afford me pleasure to communicate with Aga Jomal on all matters of business during your absence - I have now the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Note of this morning and beg to state that I cannot consider either the vessels here or any thing else in my particular charge although I have always the most friendly feelings towards you. -

Vide Page 117 Letter Book Vol. 10. for the Letter to Shaikh Nassir dated 13. May 1827. on subject of the Shaikh of Bushire

Draft of Letter to the Shaikh of Bushire from Capt. D. Wilson Resident - dated 15. May 1827. - A.C.

I have the pleasure to inform you that Mohamed ben Ali Jahaby a special Messenger of H.H. the Imam of Muscat has been furnished by me with a passage to Bushire on board the Company's ship Discovery but as from that vessel not going into Muscat I have no means of forwarding him to that place in a Government vessel - may I request therefore that you will have the kindness to afford him every assistance in procuring a passage there. -

Vide Page 120 Vol. 10. Note to Shaikh Nassir dated 13. May 1827

Draft of Letter from Capt. D. Wilson Resident to H.H. the Imam of Muscat - dated 15. May 1827. - A.C.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Highness's letter delivered to me by your Messenger Mohamed Jahaby - and regret exceedingly that the affairs therein mentioned have not before this been settled to your Highness's satisfaction. -

I shall take the earliest opportunity of forwarding the letter your Highness has addressed to

Vide Page 130 Vol. 10. for Letter to Prince of Fars on subject of Byder Ali's departure by sea 13 May 1827.



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to Captain Taylor together with a communication from myself and I shall not fail to acquaint your Highness in the speediest manner possible with the reply that I may receive from that Gentleman which I trust and hope may afford your Highness complete satisfaction - in the meantime I beg to return you my thanks for the friendly and condescending manner in which you have communicated your Highness's wishes. -

There being no prospect of a speedy communication direct with Muscat and not deeming it prudent in the present unsettled state of affairs to delay your Highness's Messenger here I have taken advantage of a Government Vessel proceeding to Feshm to accommodate Mahomed bin Ally Zahab with a passage to that place furnishing him with a letter to the Shaik there to request that he may have every assistance in proceeding on his return to your Highness. -

Note to Aga Joamal from Capt. D. Wilson Resident - Bushire 15. May 1827. -

A.C. I am exceedingly sorry that the first communication I have to make to you should be in the nature of a complaint - In spite of the friendly order you mentioned the other day that you had given to the gatekeeper that all the Cossids coming to the Residency should come here direct - I beg to acquaint you that a Cossid who was coming this morning has been taken to another person. -

As you are the person left in authority here by Shaik Nasser I beg you will do me the favor of putting a stop to such irregular proceedings.

Vide page 115 of the Letter 25 May to Aga

Draft of Note to Shaik Hussein Cazy of Bushire from Capt. D. Wilson Resident - dated 26. May 1827. -

A.C. I have to acknowledge the receipt last night of a Note from you respecting a Slave of yours - previous to receiving it I have heard the affair and seeing that

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that my Soldiers had entered into it in the execution of orders they had received from me to prevent people from going where your man was nevertheless I was not disposed to desire the punishment of your man although he had offended against the express proclamation of the Governor of this place I therefore directed the offender to be taken to the Shaikh with a message to beg that he might be told that he had done wrong - It appears that the man was taken to you instead of the Governor but as I had then received your polite message to which I had replied I did not wish to push the matter further which I otherwise should - An inquiry you will find that you have been misinformed respecting the man's Turban having been stolen - I trust that the friendship which has hitherto existed between us may continue firm and lasting.

Vide Page 118 for the Counter letter to the Shaikh of Bushire, dated 31st May 1827.
Vide Page 119 Letter of the 31st May to the Shaikh of the above mentioned Place & the letter to the Shaikh of the 30th May 1827.

Draft of Note from Captⁿ D. Wilson Resident to Hos- sen Ally Khan - dated 31st May 1827. -

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your Note wishing me to desire one of my men of business to arrange with the Captain of any Vessel about to sail to Bombay respecting a passage for you to that place I have intimated your wish to the Captain of the Shos- rovie Merchant Vessel about to sail and who I hope may be able to arrange with you to your satisfaction.

Draft of Letter from Captⁿ D. Wilson Resident to Mirza Ally Akbar - dated 8th June 1827. -

I have received your letter conveying the account of what H. R. H. Highness the Prince of Shiraz had said to you respecting my visiting him at Shiraz and it will afford me much pleasure to take advantage of H. R. H. kind invitation but I am extremely anxious that he should be spared the trouble of sending a Mehmandar particularly as the exact time of my visiting this is somewhat uncertain I therefore desire that you will use every possible effort to prevent H. R. H. incurring



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incurring any trouble whatever on this head. -

Draft of Letter from Captain D. Wilson Resident to
Mirza Mohumed Ally Wazier - dated 14 June 1827. -

A. C.

I have had the pleasure of receiving your last friendly communication - Some circumstances having occurred to render my presence useful on the Arab Coast it is my intention to proceed there this evening but I have every hope of not being detained there for more than ten or fifteen days, soon after which I hope to have the pleasure of becoming personally acquainted with you as in accordance with the wishes of his Royal Highness I propose paying a visit to Shiraz. -

The same copy of the above letter addressed to El Khan

Draft of Letter from Capt'n D. Wilson Resident to
Scottan Din Nigger - Bushire 14 June 1827. -

A. C.

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th May and regret that various letters which I have written since my arrival here had not reached you at that time - You intimate that your Boat had arrived from Bombay and brought a letter to you from the Honble the Governor - No doubt you will have derived great satisfaction from his having intimated to you that the British Government has never wished you should be deprived of your just rights and that in case of any obvious injury for which no redress can be obtained by means of mediation and negotiation the Government will not object to your going to war, provided such war is strictly confined to the party offended, all wars that degenerate into Piracy, are wars against all men and against all mankind - Now this applies both to the complaints you sent to Bombay and those of yours of the 17th to which I shall now reply but first it is necessary to let you know the result of my investigation respecting your complaints made to Bombay - after a most careful examination of those complaints I



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I feel myself bound to say that I cannot find the smallest traces of their having been occasioned, ~~our~~ treaty with you. —
In your former letters you say that Tanoon's promise to destroy Sherah, had given you the greatest satisfaction, and now that this has been brought about after much trouble and mediation, you fail to express any gratification at the efforts made to accomplish this benefit to you, but on the contrary only make further complaints, as if all that had been done was of no value in your eyes. —
The British Government in its strength is ever desirous that peace and tranquillity should be enjoyed by its weaker neighbours, it therefore always readily offers its mediation where there is even the smallest chance of benefiting humanity by checking the needless effusion of blood and putting an end to the other evils of war. —
In this spirit and in spite of the great and praise worthy efforts of our friend Col. Stanus having failed to produce that degree of satisfaction at one time anticipated from them, I again offer to use my utmost exertions to mediate between you and Tanoon, and if you will in the true spirit of peace and good faith state to me the circumstances that would in your opinion obviate a war, I shall endeavour to procure for them Tanoon's most serious consideration. —
But in the event of my mediation failing and a maritime war unhappily arising, it is my duty to state to you the positive determination of the British Government that the peacefully inclined inhabitants of the shores of this Gulf shall not suffer, and its Vessels will have the strictest orders that on the slightest recurrence to the former evil practices of Piracy the whole of the Vessels belonging to the offending party are to be taken possession of forthwith. — The wicked and evil disposed would doubtless be glad to take advantage of troubled times and practice their iniquities but by the blessing of God punishment shall in that case



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case overtake them - I beg you will always make me acquainted with your wishes and intentions. -

Draft of Letter from J. P. Riach Esq. to Mirza Mahomed Ally at Shiraz in answer to his, to Captain D. Wilson. - Dated Bushire 23rd June 1827. - A.C.

Two days ago I had the pleasure of perusing your letter to Captain Wilson which which was handed to me by Aga Abdulla a Servant of Abbas Meerza - I trust that Captain Wilson's return from the Coast of Arabia will soon put it in his power to acknowledge your most kind and friendly communication - but in the mean time it is my duty, as Acting Resident, to reply to that part of the letter which relates to the claims of Prince Abbas Meerza against some Jews here for about 17,000 R^s. - It was only the day before yesterday that this affair was brought to my notice by being informed that, among others, the authorities here had seized an acknowledged servant of this Residency, Ibrahim the Shroff, without having made any communication to me on the subject - I immediately applied to Shaikh Nasser to know the cause of so strange a proceeding to which he merely gave the evasive answer that Ibrahim had not been seized by him, but by Aga Abdulla the bearer of Ruckhums from their Royal Highnesses Abbas Meerza and the Prince of Shiraz and that the Shaikh N^o/sir had really no authority to interfere, but expressed a wish that I would speak to Aga Abdulla about the business - Aga Jannat, a confidential person of the Shaikh's brought this most unsatisfactory answer, was soon followed by Aga Abdulla. -

I explained to Aga Abdulla that it was only regarding Ibrahim a servant of this Residency that I interfered, and that with the other Jews I had no concern, I told Aga Abdulla that in consequence of the friendship existing between the two Governments it became the duty of every Servant of the English Government to assist as much as in their power the servants of Abbas Meerza



Meerza employed in the execution of His Royal High-
ness's business - That such were my feelings and by these
I would always be guided, but that it was also my duty
to see that those under the British protection were
not treated with injustice - I told him that it was only
that day that the claims of H. R. H. Abbas Meerza
against Ibrahim had been brought to my notice, but
that I had already fully ascertained that a document
had been forwarded about 10 days ago to the El Khan,
signed and sealed by about 50 respectable Merchants
each of whom certified that the Jews had, 6 Months be-
fore, given Bills on Merchants at Shiraz to Mahomed
Sulth Beg a former Messenger from the Prince Abbas
Meerza, who came here for the money now claimed a
second time by H. R. Highness - With this strong fact
uncontradicted I said that I could neither allow
Ibrahim to be taken to Shiraz, nor the money to be
taken a second time from him until the Bills which
the Jews had once given for the money were returned
protected, which was the only positive proof that could
be admitted that the money had not been really paid
Under these circumstances I declared that I could
not, consonant with my duty, allow Ibrahim to be
interfered with, until the arrival of Captain Wilson
who could be more able to decide, but I assured Aga
Abdulla that I would immediately on the receipt of
proof of the money not having been paid, do all in
my power to recover the claim for Abbas Meerza -
and until that time I should take special care
that Ibrahim did not leave Bushire. -

Aga Abdulla declared that he knew
not, neither did he care, to whom Ibrahim belonged -
that it was neither his wish nor intention to enquire
into the justice of the Rikhs of which he was the
bearer, but that these Rikhs must be obeyed - This
style of Argument I certainly was not prepared for, and
was obliged to check his violence when he insisted that
both Captain Wilson and myself must have been fully
aware of his claims against Ibrahim, and particularly
when he accused both the Resident and myself of
impeding



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impeding him in the execution of his master's Orders. I was obliged then to inform him, that really I had nothing to do, now but to insist with Sheikh Nasir, as Governor of this place, that the Sheriff should, for the reasons before stated, be immediately given in charge to me. I wrote to Sheikh Nasir to that effect, and the man was immediately released. -

It was only after this discussion that I had an opportunity of reading your very friendly communication to Captain Wilson - and trusting that the justice of my views may prove satisfactory to you. I lose no time in despatching an express loaded with this communication to you. I must inform you that the part of H. R. H. claims which attaches to Ibrahim personally amounts to about 2,300 Rupees. -

I doubt not you will be able to ascertain the truth from the Lil Khan of the authenticated documents by the most respectable merchants here, as to Bills for the whole sum claimed by Abbas Meerza having been already once given by the Jews. -

In conclusion I beg leave to state that Aga Samal told me before Aga Abdulla that he himself can testify that the Jews gave good Bills on Shiraz for about 17,000 Rupees which was the amount of Abbas Meerza's claims preferred by Muhammed Talleh Beg. -

To clearly prove that this money has not been paid, it certainly seems necessary that the Bills given should be returned to the Jews because these Bills were written on the only Vouchers for the claims which they had on the Shiraz Merchants. -

If I had had more time I doubt not but the Jews could have got another authentic paper to prove their having given Bills before, which I would have had the pleasure of sending it to you but I hope another opportunity will soon occur of doing so. -

Draft of Letter from Capt. D. Wilson Resident to Meerza Mahomed Ally at Shiraz [Abbas Mirza's Man] dated 3rd July 1827. -

A.C.

On my return to Bushire I had the pleasure



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pleasure to receive from the Acting Resident your most
friendly letter brought by Aga Abdulla and have to re-
quest extremely that the highly improper conduct of
the bearer previous to his delivering it to the Acting Res-
ident put it entirely out of that Gentlemen's power to
fulfil his desire to accomplish the wishes you express.
It is only with one of the Jews that he could have had
an opportunity of exerting any influence and that
is the person by name Ibrahim although Ibrahim
has been many years in the service of the British
Government, and known to every person in this place
as its servant and in spite of the Acting Resident
being on the spot to have given an immediate answer
to any proper and friendly representation, this per-
son was seized and put into confinement, and the
first intimation that any claim had been urged a-
gainst him was ^{conveyed} ~~conveyed~~ with the information of his
seizure whether this arose from his connexion with the
British Government or from any other cause was then
of course at that time unknown - You are aware
that the person named Aga Abdulla had waited upon
me many days previous to my departure and that I
had done my utmost to testify the respect I bear to M.
R. H. Abbas Mirza in giving a friendly reception to his
messenger, with whom I conversed a considerable
time and felt pleased with the perfect propriety
of his conduct he did not give me the slightest in-
timation that he had ~~the slightest intimation that~~
~~he bore~~ the smallest claim against any person in the
British employment or my attention would have been
immediately turned to the due investigation of it - It
now becomes my unpleasant duty to communicate
that the conduct this person pursued when admitted
to the Acting Resident, who was fully prepared to
have extended the same kindly feelings towards him
that I had displayed, was of a very different nature
to what it was when he was with me - and such as to
render it impossible that M. Reach could pursue any
other line of conduct than what he did in affair of Ibra-
him - So far as the personal claims against Ibrahim
are



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are concerned and which I am informed have been made to the amount of 9500 Rupees, it will afford me great pleasure to investigate, that person states that he has already in conjunction with others granted Bills for the full amount of this claim, these Bills were entrusted to a person who produced a competent Authority to receive them and the only objection which seems to be made to the claim on the present occasion is the very natural one of its having been settled by the Bills above alluded to which it is fairly presumed have been paid since it is affirmed that no intimation of them having been protested has ever been received by the drawers - Under these circumstances and pending this want of information I have not thought it advisable to permit Ibrahim to proceed to Shiraz since it does not seem to me proper that he should do so from a careful consideration of all the circumstances above detailed, and the nature of your friendly communication in which you were kind enough to say that in the event of my considering that the sending of the Jews to Shiraz would be improper you wished me to intimate my opinion which I have now the pleasure to do in this letter so far as Ibrahim is concerned. -

Draft of Note from Capt. D. Wilson Resident to Sheikh Nasser dated 3. July 1827. -

A.C.

Your man has again called upon me for an answer respecting the Indian Lascar concerning whom I wrote to you this morning. - I have had him before me and the circumstances of the case seem to be this, he was entertained for the ship Miniscorey in Bombay, received an advance of five months pay, which five months have long since elapsed, it does not appear that he was entertained for any particular period, and he states that he is unwilling to remain in your service any longer, if there be no breach of written agreement, and the man claims my protection as an Indian subject it appears



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appears to be strictly in conformity to my duty that he should obtain it such being according both to the law and custom of India as well as England — Before the circumstances of this case had been fully investigated the man in question was entertained for the Government Ship Olive, if you conceive that his at present remaining in that Ship would be prejudicial to your service he shall be discharged, but having no authority to compel a British subject to serve any person against his inclination under the circumstances above mentioned, he must remain under my protection until an opportunity offer for sending him back to his own Country —

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Draft of Note from Capt. D. Wilson Resident to Shaikh Nassir — Bushire 7th July 1827.

A.C. On my return to Bushire the Acting Resident communicated to me what had taken place respecting the Jew called Abraham the Shroff of this Residency — The extremely irregular manner in which that person was seized and the manifest injustice of his having been so at all whilst the orders he had given for payment written on the only Vouchers he had for certain debts due to him by Merchants in Shiraz, were withheld, induced the Acting Resident to interfere and demand his release as a servant of this Residency — It must be obvious that the nature of the circumstances left him no other course to pursue —

Subsequently I have ascertained that the orders above mentioned are now in this place and forthcoming, and that the debt is fully recognised by the Jew himself — I have satisfied myself that Abraham has made every effort that the short time in which he has had will permit to raise the amount of the debt he acknowledges, and he is said to be a man of undoubted property although in these times of distress it is difficult to turn any other description of property into money — From these circumstances I conceive it an extremely hard case that he should not



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not be allowed a sufficient period to accomplish this exchange of property since the important circumstance of his former drafts not having been paid was never communicated to him - But as the British Government never interferes between D^r and C^r where the debt is acknowledged and there is not that injustice or irregularity which may call for the exertion of its protection to those in its service - I send Ibrahim to you as the Governor of this place since to you as such the necessary authority to act in this affair has doubtless been *implied*

Draft of Letter to Shaikh Tanon from Capt. D. Wilson
Resident - Bushire 7th July 1827.

A.C. It would have afforded me great pleasure had I been able to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from you to my own address as I beg to assure you I take a deep interest in all your concerns - Immediately on receiving the unpleasant information of the probability of a war between you and Sultan Ben Sagger I resolved to give another proof of the sincere desire (so well known) of the British Government that all the Arab Tribes should remain at peace with each other by proceeding to offer my best efforts to effect a reconciliation between you and him and it was with sincere pleasure that I heard of your having come to an understanding which I trust may long continue - Immediately on leaving Rasool-khymah I set out for Abothabed although I was much pressed for time, having important business to transact here and at Shiraz, unfortunately I met with a severe N.W. wind which occasioned so much delay that I was obliged at last to proceed to Bushire and to defer the pleasure of meeting you for a short time, until I proceed on the tour usually made by the Resident - I feel so confident in your desire to maintain the peace of the Gulf particularly during the pearl fishing season when it is so obviously every ones interest that the utmost tranquillity should prevail, I do not hesitate to mention to you one circumstance which I think may tend to do so, Sultan Ben Sagger told me that there was a Gun & Belonging



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belonging to him in Delay which he was desirous of getting
back and I understand that you had no objections
to the claim that being the case I beg to say that it would
afford me pleasure to hear that Sultan was again in
possession of what appears to be his property - There
is likewise another matter of greater importance and
which I beg most earnestly to impress upon you, which
is the advantage that all parties would derive from
the removal of the Socedan tribe to some more central
part of your Dominion - you cannot I should think
now have the smallest objections to this since I am in-
formed that Delay is in your hand and that Therah
has been destroyed - I did myself the pleasure of writing
to you some time ago respecting the Piracy committed on
the Butel of Ben Mushary stating that a nominal list
of the perpetrators of that infamous action should be pro-
cured, I have now the pleasure to annex the names of some
of these pirates and shall feel greatly obliged by your
being good enough to order them to be seized in the
event of their approaching your territories and by your
proclaiming that these are men against whom the
British Government will never cease to proceed until
they be taken and suffer the punishment so justly
due for this enormity -

To Shaikh Nasser
A.C.

Being on the point of embarking for
Shiraz on my route to Shiraz I have the pleasure to ac-
quaint you that I have left Messrs. Esai and Malcolm in
charge of the Residency and beg that you will be good to
extend to them the kindness you have always been ready
to show on such occasions -

Bushire 8th July 1827. - [Sig.] D. Wilson
Resident in the
P. Gulf

To
His Highness The Imam of Muscat
A.C.

In acknowledging the receipts of your
Highness's letter of the 12th May respecting your affair is
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at Bussorah I intimated that I should make a communication on the subject to Captain Taylor I have now been favored with the reply of that Gentleman who states that he had communicated regarding the claims of the Son of Shaikh Salim your Highness's protege, with the Mutasellim of Bussora, who had in consequence promised that the prosecution of the claims of the Montefich Shaikh on Shaikh Salim shall for the present be postponed and that those of this individual shall alone form the subject of immediate investigation - I hope that this arrangement may meet with your Highness's approbation and that the affair may be thus amicably adjusted - The deep interest which I feel in all your Highness's concerns makes me anxious to know what farther proceedings you may deem necessary and I beg to assure you that nothing in my power shall be wanting to accomplish your Highness's wishes - It is not necessary again to repeat my conviction that you are fully aware of its being far from the intention of the British Government to embarrass in any manner whatever your Highness's proceedings in the affairs of Bussorah. -

Rona Zengoon }
19th July 1827 }

(Sig'd) D. Wilson
Res. in the P. Gulf

Draft of Letter from Captain D. Wilson Resident to
H. H. the Imam of Muscat - Rona Zengoon 21st July 1827
A.C.

I had yesterday the honor of receiving
your Highness's letter of the 9th June. -

Your kind attention to the wishes of
the Government respecting the affair of Sevee gives an
additional proof of your friendly feelings towards it,
and although nothing of this kind was wanting it is
always agreeable to receive such testimonies and a
pleasing duty to acknowledge them. -

I feel convinced that the Bombay
Government



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would feel greatly afflicted if any worthy and zealous individual in your Highness's service should suffer in this affair. If the Walee of Samoor therefore should only have committed a mistake and should otherwise be free from blame will your Highness excuse the liberty I take in deprecating your wrath in his favour I am emboldened to do this from your Highness being celebrated for mercy as well as discrimination.

It would I am sure afford your Highness sincere pleasure to learn that Tannoos and Sultan Bin Sagger had made peace and that there was a prospect of the poor people of this Gulf enjoying a quiet & pearl fishing season free from the scourge of war that affliction of mankind. I had proceeded to Ras-ul-Khaimah to offer my mediation but happily the affair was settled before my arrival and I trust that both Tannoos and Bin Sagger may now be induced to adopt peaceable pursuits.

I am now proceeding to pay my respects to His Royal Highness the Prince of Fars at Shiraz where I hope to be after the termination of the Moharrum.

May that your Highness will continue to honor me with your correspondence and gratifying accounts of your health and prosperity.

To
The Very Reverend Father in God
Arch Bishop Karapiet
Right Reverend Father,

I have had great pleasure in receiving your letter enclosing one to the address of the Honorable the Governor of Bombay respecting the appointment of a Vaccinator at Sofalan.

You judged right in believing that it would afford me great pleasure to assist your means in this respect as far as it lies in my power I have accordingly addressed a communication to the Government of Bombay forwarding your letter which I trust will meet with every consideration.



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Kona Zenoan
21. July 1827.

I have the honor to be,
Very Reverend Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
/Signed/ D. Wilson
Resident

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Letter to
Abdulla bin
Ahmed dated
25th July 1827

Draft of Letter from Capt^m D. Wilson Resident
to Mirza Ali Akbar Agent at Shiraz - Kona Zenoan
26th July 1827.

A.C. You are already aware that Ibrahim
the Shroff belonging to the Residency has been called to
Shiraz to answer for a debt - as this is a case between D.
and C. I have not considered it necessary to interpose
my authority in it but I consider it hard that this Jew
has not been allowed a reasonable time to convert his pro-
perty into money for the payment of a debt which he
freely acknowledges and is willing to make every effort
to discharge - I will thank you to let the persons in
authority know that I have had every reason to be satis-
fied with this person and that he still remains in my
service - under these circumstances I cannot suppose
that any thing but kindness and consideration will be
shown him - Be pleased to keep me acquainted with
the progress of this affair.

Draft of Letter from Capt^m D. Wilson Resident
to Ali Morad Khan - Kona Zenoan 26th July 1827.
A.C.

I beg to acquaint you that a Jew by name
Ibrahim the Shroff belonging to the Residency of Bushire
has been called to Shiraz by certain Rukhums addressed
to the Shaik of Bushire to answer for a debt - as this
affair is between a D. and C. and the Jew acknowledges
the debt I have not deemed it proper to interpose my
authority in this affair but I consider this to be a very
hard case since the man is a person of undoubted pro-
perty not denying the debt but willing to pay it -
had he been allowed time - as I have had every reason
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to be satisfied with his services and he still continues in my employment I shall feel much obliged by your interesting yourself and seeing that no injustice is committed against him. I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you in Shiraz in a few days. -

Draft of Letter from Capt. D. Wilson Resident to Mirza Ali Akbar Agent at Shiraz - Rona'jnoon 27th July 1827 - A.C.

I shall feel obliged by your sending me a copy of the instructions under which you have been acting since your appointment as also of any particular ones that Colonel Macdonald may have sent to you. I wish likewise to know whether you have any late letters from Col. Macdonald relating to your duties at Shiraz. -

Draft of Letter from Captain D. Wilson Resident to His Highness the Imam of Muscat - Rona'jnoon 29th July 1827 -

A.C. Owing to my absence from Bushire I had not until late last night the honor to receive your Highness's letter dated 19th of last month to which I hasten to reply. -

I cannot but feel highly flattered by your Highness desiring my opinion respecting your sending assistance to the Ghaut Shaks, against the people of Bussoora, and were I guided only by the earnest desire of the British Government to see an universal peace prevailing I should solicit your Highness's powerful interposition to bring about an amicable adjustment of all such disputes. But to interfere in any way with your Highness's free Agency is entirely foreign both to my wish and my duty. I shall only therefore say that in following the course which your Highness sends of justice and interests may dictate I feel assured that your proceedings will be guided by that humanity and consideration for the poor and unoffending which has rendered your Highness's name preeminent in these parts. -

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I begin to flatter myself that I perceive, through the blessing of God, some amelioration in the habits of the people of this Gulf, this I consider to arise mainly from the commercial intercourse that has of ^{late} years prevailed among them. I therefore venture to hope that your Highness who has had so distinguished a share in producing this amelioration may still find a pleasure and an interest in giving orders to your ships and vessels of all kinds to interfere in the least possible degree with the peaceable and unoffending who may be employed in commercial pursuits alone. —

In any affair in which your Highness is concerned it is quite superfluous to solicit kindness and consideration towards British vessels. —

Having said thus much on the general question of peace and war it is not for me however deep an interest I may feel in your Highness's concerns to discuss. The ^{his} advantages of having powerful neighbours as enemies as your Highness will doubtless settle all such considerations in your own mind before proceeding to hostilities. —

I beg to be honored by a continuation of your Highness's recollection and correspondence. —

Substance of a conversation between Ally Moorad Khan and Captain Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf —
Kona Zengoon 1st August 1827. —

About 10 A.M. Ally Moorad Khan called on the Resident and after the usual compliments had taken place on both sides he produced the King of Persia's Firman and mentioned the very high esteem His Majesty held Captain Wilson in. — The Resident in reply expressed his satisfaction at the Shah's having appointed a person of his address and qualification to visit Shiraz on the business mentioned in the firman and trusted that everything would be arranged in a satisfactory manner. The Khan then entered into some particulars of the circumstances under



under which he had been sent and stated that he was invested with full powers to enforce the execution of every wish or desire the Resident might have. Captain Wilson then opened the subject by asking in what light he viewed the insult which had been offered to the British Residency at Bushire by the dogs of the population of that place, and inquired as Shaikh Abdool Ruffool was about to return, what security there was that a similar outrage might not be perpetrated again. Ally Moorad Khan replied that their conduct was most inexcusable and that with regard to the Shaikh he would, if the Resident so directed, speak to him in his presence and that of the Prince and admonish him most seriously as to his future conduct and that he would at the same time inform His Royal Highness that the Shah so far from overlooking any improper conduct on the part of the Shaikh would make him (the Prince) answerable for it. In answer to this offer Captain Wilson begged to mention that he had hitherto received every civility from Shaikh Abdool Ruffool and his bringing up the subject was simply to have matters placed on such a footing as would supercede the necessity of troubling His R. Highness in future that he was far from wishing to insist on any thing which might be unpleasant to the feelings of the Authorities at Shiraz and that he conceived it would be sufficient for the Khan to impress upon the Shaikh in a private interview the sentiments of His Majesty the Shah with relation to the English. To a question from the Resident as to what he conceived were the real feelings of the Court of Shiraz towards the British Residency he replied that he thought they were friendly but hinted that the attention which the Resident had lately received was principally owing to the measures he had adopted and the letters he had written previous to his departure from the North. he continued to say that if Captain Wilson wished he would so arrange matters that the Prince should request a letter to the Shah to the effect that the Resident was perfectly satisfied with the recent conduct of himself and his Ministers to this Captain Wilson replied that he would consider the subject. The affair of the plunder of the boats wrecked off Dashty was next introduced and the highly irregular conduct of the Chief of that Coast in plundering instead of affording assistance to the Vessels lost in its



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its neighbourhood commented upon. The Khan said that he was perfectly ignorant of all matters relating to the sea but had been informed that such had been the long established custom of the maritime Inhabitants of Persia. In answer to an enquiry from him touching our custom on such occasions he was told that the cargo of any vessel belonging to a subject of Persia which might be wrecked on the coast of India would be preserved and guarded with the greatest care. The Khan then asked what steps Captain Wilson wished to be taken respecting the Buzla belonging to Sied Humza adding that he had authority to compel the Chief of Dashty to make restitution of all that had been taken from it if he was provided with a List of the cargo. In answer to this the Resident briefly mentioned the terms the English were on with the Inhabitants of Johanna the manner in which the affair first commenced the steps taken by the Shiraz Government in sending an Officer to Dashty his return without doing any thing and the narrow escape Sied Humza and the Resident's servant who accompanied him had had from being poisoned, and concluded by saying there were still two free men subjects to Johanna detained in that country whose release he was most desirous of procuring. The Khan then suggested that a letter should be written to the Prince acknowledging the receipt of the Shah's firman and His Royal Highness's Rukum and stating that Ally Moorad Khan would communicate to him the particulars of the conversations he had held with the Resident on the above and other subjects. To this Capt. Wilson assented. The Khan then continued to say that he had sent for Jamall Khan and hoped to arrange the business in a satisfactory manner. In the course of conversation it was suggested by the Resident that effectual steps ought to be taken to prevent the duties of the Rahdars being levied on the English and those individuals connected with them as had lately been done in two or three instances. With this the Khan fully agreed and said he would take a written document from Mirza Ally Akbar Kalandar the Chief of the Customs and Superior of all the Rahdars



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Rahdars declaring the exemption above mentioned in the most precise and positive terms, he also promised to procure a paper from Shaik Abdool Reesool disclaiming all intention of interfering in any way with the Merchants of Bushire in the disposal or lading of their cargoes upon any Vessel whether English or others they might think proper, and that he would not compel them to embark their goods on his Ships alone - nothing further of any particular consequence was discussed. But the Khan was profuse in his protestations of the high degree of favor the Shah held Captain Wilson in and which he had afforded sufficient proof by his sending down a special Messenger to Bushire to congratulate him on his arrival in the Gulf - that H. R. H. the Prince and his Ministers had been most particularly enjoined to treat the Resident as one of the nobles and persons in authority in Persia showing him every honor and respect in their power - The Khan soon after took his departure. -

To His Royal Highness The Prince of Fars
Rhonda Jenoon 1st August 1827.
A.C.

I have had the honor of receiving the Firman of His Majesty and the Acknowledgment of your Royal Highness from the hands of Ali Moorad Khan and they have afforded me the utmost satisfaction. I have been much gratified likewise by His Majesty's choice of the person to whom he was pleased to entrust the execution of his orders. -

Ali Moorad Khan will doubtless make your Royal Highness acquainted with the conversation we have had respecting the subjects he has already had the honor of submitting to your Royal Highness with whose kindness and consideration in these matters Ali Moorad Khan has deeply impressed me. -

Ali Moorad Khan will have the honor of mentioning to your Royal Highness a few additional particulars in the above mentioned affairs that I have communicated to him and to which I feel assured that your Royal Highness will extend your usual



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usual kind attention. -

Signed / D. Wilson
Res. in the P. Gulf

Draft of Letter from Captain D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaik Sublah, Chief of Koweit - dated Khonazmoon 23rd August 1827. -

A.C.

I have received a letter from Rashid bin Hamid the Chief of Quman with whom the British Government are on friendly terms, stating that a Datchel belonging to him which was proceeding to Bussoorah laden with dates was attacked near Bhashin by a Fleet of Boats belonging to you and that two of the crew were killed and certain Articles that were on board plundered - For this Rashid bin Hamid is desirous of seeking redress - As I am not acquainted with the nature of the misunderstanding that has subsisted between you and Rashid bin Hamid I should feel much obliged by your being good enough to give me information on that point. -

The British Government always laments deeply when any occasions of avowed and open war occur and is ever ready to offer its mediation to bring about the blessing of Peace whilst at the same time it is determined as is well known in these Countries to put an end for ever to all plunder and Piracy be they committed by who they may - I beg to be favored with your friendly correspondence and that you will believe me always ready to aid you in maintaining peace and good understanding among all the Tribes. -

Draft of Letter from Captain D. Wilson Resident in the P. Gulf to Moala Hoopsin Agent at Sharga - dated Camp Khonazmoon 23rd August 1827. -

I have received your two letters of the 5th and 7th July respecting the house you were desirous of erecting at Sharga and it appears to me that you have made a great affair of this whilst in my eyes it is a very small one, nor does it appear to me a matter of any con-

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sequence whether you should have a piece of ground to
build a new house on or whether you should purchase
the house you are now living in and lay out the balance
of the fifty dollars in improving it and rendering it more
fitting for the purpose of living in, indeed should you conti-
nue to live in a hired house as heretofore I do not think
there could be any complaint made by a sensible man
like you who must naturally be more occupied by the
concerns of the employment intrusted to you than the small
matter of your own private accommodations. -

Draft of Letter from Captain D. Wilson Resident in the
Persian Gulf to Shaikh Rashid Bin Hamed, the Chief of Eg-
man - dated Rhona-joon 24th August 1827. -

I have had the pleasure of receiving your
letter of the 18th June and in consequence of it have written
to Shaikh Subbah the Chief of Koot respecting the Bateel you
state his people had attacked in Bharain harbour and
I shall not fail to make you acquainted with his answer.
Respecting the affair of the Buggala which you state as
having been detained by the people of Hongoon I have al-
ready sent an answer to Sultan bin Sagger who doubtless
has by this been communicated it to you. -

Draft of Letter from Captain Wilson Res^t in the P. Gulf
to Moola Sala - Agent at Mogoo - dated Rhona-joon
24th August 1827.

Information has reached me that an action
has taken place off Asaloo between a Bateel belonging to
Shaikh Yousuf of Nakhilov and two Buggalas one belong-
ing Shaikh Saif and the other to Hajee Nasser Hongoon after
which the former Vessel was captured - As this affair took
place in your neighbourhood I am much surprised that
I have not heard the particulars of it which I desire you
will immediately send to me let me know the names of the
persons concerned how the dispute originated, and what
has become of the different Vessels and the property that
was on board the Bateel as well as the number of persons
wounded.



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wounded on both sides in short all about this business -
From the beginning to the end - I regret to say that I
have already had occasion to observe your want of at-
tention in not sending information when occurrences
take place with which it is your business to make your-
self particularly acquainted, I desire that this may
not happen again. -

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Draft of Letter from Captain D. Wilson Resident in
the P. Gulf to Shaikh Tanoon of Absoothabee - dated 4
Dooak 30th August 1827. -
A.C.

I have had the pleasure to receive your
friendly letter sent by the blue and feel rejoiced to
learn that you are in good health and prosperous -
It afforded me great satisfaction to hear of the peace
now subsisting between you and your neighbour Sul-
tan bin Sagger and I trust in God that it may long
continue a blessing to your own subjects and the sur-
est means of maintaining the high consideration
and friendship of the British Government - I regret-
ted much that circumstances prevented me from
having the pleasure of seeing you the last time I was on
the Arabian coast but as I contemplate being there again
I hope then to be so fortunate continue to send me accounts
of your welfare and prosperity. -

Draft of Note from Captain D. Wilson Resident in the
P. Gulf to the Wazir of Fars - dated Shiraz 31st Sept. 1827.

I beg that you will do me the favor
to represent to His Royal Highness the Prince of Fars
that the practice of stopping at different roads and
gates articles belonging to English Gentlemen and per-
sons in the service of that Government is still continued
and that I particularly beg to solicit that His Royal High-
ness's may be pleased to give orders to prevent the Subor-
dinate authorities from thus interfering with his Royal
Highness's most friendly consideration and former orders
respecting these matters - should it be necessary I am
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prepared to furnish a memorandum of the particular instances in which impediments have been offered and a duty exacted which I beg may be ordered to be returned.

I beg you will accept the assurances of my most friendly consideration towards yourself whilst I solicit an answer to the representation I made to you respecting the ill treatment to an English Gentlemen's servant and the carrying off two of the Mules belonging to that Gentlemen.

Draft of Note from Captain D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to the Wazier of Fars - dated Shiraz 9th September 1827.

A. C.

I have had the pleasure of receiving your note by the hands of Mahomed Razem Khan and he has communicated to me the kind messages sent by him from H. R. H. the Prince of Fars and yourself - Respecting such parts of the information concerning the Captain and Shaik Nasser which had not reached H. R. H. I have made a communication to Razem Khan particularly noticing that the Shaik had drawn his dagger on a messenger sent by the Captain, and had nearly beaten him to death; moreover that the Persons in charge of the British Residency having waited upon the Shaik concerning this affair he after some conversation threatened to take off their heads as this information only reached me yesterday. I have not yet had an opportunity of communicating it to you but shall immediately have the honor of sending a statement of it for the information of H. R. H. and yourself.

Notes of a Conversation that took place between Aga Mahomed Razem Messenger from H. R. H. the Prince of Fars and the Resident in the Persian Gulf - Shiraz 9th September 1827.

Aga Mahomed Razem waited on the Resident and was requested to state the message he had to deliver from His Royal Highness the Prince of Fars which he did as follows - a letter had been received from Shaik Abdool Ruzsool together with an
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estolished Nama (or paper of evidence) from his Son Shaik
Nasir stating that one of the Men from one of the Government
Ships in the roads having been lost the Captain went on board
and searched all the Shaiks Vessels and from the Shaiks
Bugala Tahtool-Islam he took one of the men left to watch
it by force first binding his eyes and Arms and gagging
his mouth, that Shaik Nasir sent Mr. Anthon and other
Merchants to remonstrate with the Captain who however
would not listen in the mean time the Shaik seized two
Lascars belonging to the Cruizers and sent word to the Captain
who was on shore, that he would liberate them when his own
man was given up, the Captain upon this sent for his Armed
Boats on shore, at last the men were released by the Shaik but
the Captain still persisted in refusing to give up the person in
his possession that this conduct was very much opposed to the
friendship and cordiality which had always existed between
the two Governments and that H. R. H. was well aware that
had Captain Wilson been at Bushire, it would never have
taken place under these circumstances he was willing to
leave the noticing of the offending parties in the Residents
hands, and that he trusted effectual measures would be
taken to prevent a repetition of such occurrences - To
this message Captain Wilson replied that no person could
be more sensible than himself of the favour and kindness
H. R. H. had uniformly maintained towards him, but
that the circumstances of the affair differed widely from
the representations which had been made to H. R. H. that
the business was principally caused by the violence of the
Shaik - Captain Wilson then proceeded to say it appeared
that positive information had been received by the Captain
of the Clive, that a deserter from one of the Government
Ships was on board the Bugala Tahtool-Islam, upon
which he sent a Midshipman to inquire whether such
was the fact or not that on the Officer proceeding on
board the Bugulah he was not only grossly abused
himself but the Lascars that were with him beaten, on
this report being made the Captain sent Hajee Jassam to the
Shaik and was proceeding himself with Mahomed Ali when
he was met by the former individual who said
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The Shaikh was not at home. The Captain then went to the Bugala himself and on leaving it was accompanied by a man who voluntarily said he knew where the deserter was and who the people were who had beaten his Lascars - that on Mahomed Ali being sent with a particular Message from the Captain the Shaikh not only drew his dagger on him, but had him beaten in the most cruel manner, that the Shaikh in the mean time had seized on three individuals belonging to the Cruisers who were on shore and detained them with the threat of farther punishment, that the Captain seeing his men treated in this improper way conceived it likely some attempt would be made to prevent his going on board his own ship, and therefore sent to desire his Boats to be sent to take him on board. In the mean time Messrs. Esai and Malcolm who were in charge of the Residency waited on the Shaikh and he in the course of conversation threatened to take off their heads. At last the Shaikh sent Aga Samal who settled the affair by restoring the men taken receiving in exchange the men belonging to the Bugala. Mahomed Razin said that the Prince had acted upon the representations he had heard from Bushire but that he should communicate to H. R. H. which Capt. Wilson had stated adding however that as to Mahomed Ali he was a subject of the place and therefore subject to the Shaikh's jurisdiction to this was answered that his being a Native of the place had nothing to do with it as at the time he was so unjustly beaten by the Shaikh he was delivering a particular and special Message from an English Captain and was therefore entitled to be respected. To this Mahomed Razin assented.

Draft of Note from Captain D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to the Wazir of Fars - dated Shiraz 11. September 1837.

A.C. I had the honor to send a few lines to acknowledge the receipt of your most friendly letter which was delivered to me by Mahomed Kassem Khan Solaum-pish Khedmat, and to intimate that I should submit for the information of His Royal Highness the Prince of



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of Fars a statement of certain unpleasant occurrences which
have taken place at Bushire and were alluded to in your
letter. The very intimate alliance which exists between the
two states renders it the peculiar duty of all who serve
either to do their utmost to increase that friendship from
which so much happiness springs, and to take special care
the passing occurrences of the moment be not permitted to
interfere with that enjoyment. Many things can not be
foreseen and provided against for they are not in the
common course of events. Who for instance could antici-
pate that the crew of an English Boat proceeding to recover
a deserter should have been beaten and ill used in attempt-
ing to perform this duty that an interpreter the bearer of a
Message from an English Captain to the Shaik of Bushire
should likewise be beaten like a common criminal and
that British seamen whilst unoffending should be thrown
into prison and threatened with punishment still more
severe, and finally that the persons in charge of the Bri-
tish Residency should be told that their heads would
answer for any thing happening to ships in the harbour
of Bushire after these unfortunate occurrences had
taken place. It is well known from what small causes great
misunderstandings frequently arise and how easily the ap-
proach of evil is put aside by an early demonstration of
friendly wishes and if it be admitted that a messenger can
be beaten for being the bearer of a well intended message
where will persons be found to keep up an intercourse at
the time it is most wanted viz. at the time of the commence-
ment of a misunderstanding. I trust therefore most con-
fidently that His Royal Highness will intimate to the pre-
sent Shaik of Bushire his highest displeasure at what has
happened to the crew of the Boat directing at the same time that
the perpetrators of this offence shall be so punished as to prevent
the possibility of its recurrence and that the deserter shall be
sought for forthwith and delivered up. I feel likewise most
confident that His Royal Highness will be further pleased to
express the same displeasure at the conduct of Shaik Nafir
who by beating the bearer of a message confining British
seamen and using such unfriendly language to persons left
in charge of the British Residency was so near compromising
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the present good understanding which has now so happily
been restored at Bushire. I feel assured that Shaik
Abdool Rupsool's perfect understanding of His Royal
Highness's friendly feeling towards the British Nation
and his own good sense will be the best security that
no similar occurrences will ever again take place
and induce him to bestow some mark of his favour
on the Messenger who has so severely suffered. For my
own part I trust that I need not assure His Royal
Highness of my anxious desire to maintain and increase
the happy intercourse now existing and to anticipate
all evils that can be foreseen by the wisest arrangements
I can devise. I beg to express that I have every confi-
dence in the great friendship I have always experi-
enced from himself and have not the smallest doubt
but you will exert your best endeavours that the affair
may be arranged in the best possible manner. -

Draft of Note delivered by the Resident in the Persian
Embassy to Ali Morad Khan, Solam Pish Khedmat of His
Majesty the King of Persia. - Shiraz 25th September 1827.

Having fully discussed in several
conversations with you the various subjects noticed in
the Firman I had the honor to receive from His Majesty
the Shah, through your hands, it only remains for me now
to give a short recapitulation of the most important
points. -

A distinct intimation is required to
be given to the present Shaik of Bushire that all the
rights and privileges hitherto enjoyed by British sub-
jects at Bushire are still fully guaranteed to them by
His Majesty the Shah and His Royal Highness the Prince
of Fars, and the Shaik should be required to proclaim that
the Merchants and others have free permission to send
their goods on board of English Vessels should they pro-
fer to do so. - The Shaik should likewise be required not
to permit any person to molest Messengers who may be
employed by the British Authorities, or to prevent such
from coming direct to the British Residency. -

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3^d Several recent circumstances as well as former occurrences render it particularly necessary that the Government of Fars should give new and specific instructions to its subordinate Authorities positively enjoining that no *radars* or *gomris* or duties of any kind shall be levied on Articles being conveyed through that country for the use of the English, and that on no pretence whatever should it be attempted to take more from persons attached to their service on the plea of their being so. -

4^d Respecting *Sid Hamzas* people Boat, Goods and the British property on board of the Boat, I have already communicated a detailed statement to you, and need not here repeat the earnest desire the British Government must naturally have to redeem the subjects of a friendly power from slavery, and to recover as much of the property as may be practicable. -

5^d In various parts of Fars *Cossids* and Messengers passing between the British Authorities have very frequently been detained, molested, the packets broken open, and on one occasion important despatches and letters were utterly destroyed and carried away. It is requested that the Government of Fars may be pleased to direct its subordinate Authorities to take such decided steps, as to prevent the possibility of such things again occurring, and that a privilege carefully preserved in all civilized countries to Foreign Authorities, should not be infringed in Fars. -

Draft of Note from Captain D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to the Wuzer of Fars - Shiraz 25th September 1827.

A. C. I beg that you will do me the favor to represent to His Royal Highness the Prince of Fars, that the practice of stopping at different *radars* and gates, Articles belonging to English Gentlemen and persons in the service of that Government, is still continued, and that I particularly beg to solicit, that His Royal Highness may be pleased to give orders, to prevent the subordinate Authorities from thus interfering with His Royal



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Royal Highness's most friendly consideration and former Orders respecting these matters. Should it be necessary, I am prepared to furnish a memorandum of the particular instances in which impediments have been offered and a duty exacted, which I beg may be ordered to be returned. -

2nd I beg you will accept the assurances of my most friendly consideration towards yourself, whilst I solicit an answer to the representation I made to you, respecting the ill treatment to an English Gentleman's servant, and the carrying away of two of the Mules belonging to that Gentleman. -

Draft of Letter from Captain D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Chaik Abdool Rissool - Shiraz 25. Septemr. 1827. -

A.C. I beg to congratulate you on your arrival at Bushire and to forward to you a Ruckhum from His Royal Highness the Prince of Fars. -

It is unnecessary for me to say any thing to you at this time respecting the intimate alliance that has so long happily existed between the two States and of which there are daily arising further proofs - neither can it be requisite for me to point out as an example of this His Royal Highness's gracious Ruckhums addressed to the Acting Chaik of Bushire on the return of the British Residency after the unfortunate occurrences had taken place which occasioned its temporary removal as I feel assured that a person of your wisdom and talents being in the Government and full of the desire to carry into effect any one of His Royal Highness's wishes is the surest pledge that the utmost friendship will ever continue to exist between the two States. -

Draft of Note from Captain D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to the Wazier of Fars - Shiraz 26. September 1827.

A.C. I have to return you my best thanks for the Ruckhums you were good enough to send to me. - As a proof of the great desire I have to be on the most friendly terms with all the servants of the Government of Fars I send for your perusal a copy of a letter



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Yesterday despatched to Shaik Abdool Ruffool at Bushire
Accept of every mark of my respect and con-
sideration. -

Draft of Note from Captain D. Wilson Resident in the Persian
Gulf to the Wazeer of Fars - Shiraz 28th September 1837. -

A.C. I am extremely sorry to be under the
necessity of troubling you at a time when you are so much
occupied but it is my duty to acquaint you that a Mes-
senger that I despatched with the letter to Shaik Abdool
Ruffool of which I had the honor to send you a copy, was
stopped near Shonagzenoon severely beaten and his arm
broken. I regret likewise to state that another messenger
sent the day after in the same direction was robbed of his
clothes. -

Draft of a Letter from Captain D. Wilson Resident in the
Persian Gulf to Moola Hoggsein - Shiraz 29th September 1837.

It is the becoming duty of the servant of
a Government to abstain from all improper and unfoun-
ded remarks upon the conduct of Officers in the due execu-
tion of their duty and persons entrusted to make pur-
chases on account of that Government and far from
joining in idle and evil reports he should be the first
to contradict them when made without foundation by
others - At the same time that he watches over the interest
of the Government he may serve zealously aiding all its
Officers he should carefully avoid advancing any remark
on their conduct that is not supported by the fullest
proof and he is more over required to show them the
utmost respect in every way - I have thought it right
to intimate these my opinions to you, feeling convinced
that you will adopt them as your guide and continue to re-
ceive the approbation which has in every occasion been
bestowed on you. -

Draft of Letter from Captain D. Wilson Resident in the
Persian Gulf to Apsoo Agent at Phariin - Shiraz 5th October 1837

I have received your letter of the
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its duplicate and should be glad to learn the nature of any
communications that may lately have been received from
Toor Kie Bin Saud. I have requested the Captain of the boat
to call at Bahrain to receive the answers to the letters sent
to you and the Shaikh, by the late cruizers, the last by the
Nautilus. —

Draft of Letter from Captain D. Wilson Resident in the P.ⁿ
Gulf to Ahim Ben Abraham — Shiraz 5.th October 1827. —

A.C. I had yesterday the pleasure of receiv-
ing your very friendly letter stating that you had arrived
at Bushire and was the bearer of a letter from His Highness
the Imam of Muscat. I regret much that I was not at Bu-
shire to receive His Highness's communication as anything
from him is always agreeable. I fear it will still be a
number of days before I reach Bushire and I do not
consider the road safe for copies as several of them have
lately been ill treated. I trust therefore that if you be ac-
quainted with the contents of His Highness's letter you
would communicate them in writing from your self keep-
ing the letter until either a safe opportunity of sending
it may occur or I have the pleasure of meeting you.

I regret extremely that I have not been
so fortunate as to see His Highness's Nephew —

I have directed Mess^{rs} Ghai and Mal-
colm now in charge of the Residency to wait upon
you and to shew you what little attention they may
have in their power. —

Draft of Letter from Captain D. Wilson Resident in the
Persian Gulf to Assoo Agent at Bahrain — Bushire 25.th May
1827. —

A.C. I have received your two letters dated
the 17 and 18 Instant and regret that they are not more satis-
factory in the information they convey respecting the piracy
committed on the Boat of which Hashel was the Nachoda
particularly since your means of acquiring accurate infor-
mation are so ample from the presence of the Horse Kipe-
er. You mention the Nachoda Hashel and the man I sent
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to Captain Walker - There is the strongest evidence of the Pirates having touched at Bharain and it is impossible that they should have been there without your having an opportunity of ascertaining every thing they did. - Such an atrocious violation of the general peace can never be overlooked until the whole of property be recovered and the Chiefs produce the individuals of the Tribes over which they are in authority who have committed this evil that condign punishment may be inflicted on them. -

You tell me that you have spoken to the Shaikh respecting the Flag but do not tell me what reply you made to his observations. You must be aware that the Flag in question is not the "English Flag" or the Government as you say Shaikh Abdoolah bin Ahmed called it "Ensign" but the Flag of the "Friendly Arabs" and that the Fourth Articles of the Treaty with them declares that that Flag is the symbol of peace between them and the British Government, it is therefore becoming in all who wish to be so to wear it and no other. -

Your letter gives me the first information respecting the outrage said to have been committed on the boat belonging to Ahmed bin Hawajah Nachoda Moobarack. It shall be investigated. -

I enclose a paper of questions to which you will write answers and send back as soon as possible by a small Boat which you may hire in the event of one not being likely to leave Bharain for this place shortly.

Only upon your procuring the best and earliest information of all passing events and communicating it to me and the Captains of any Vessels that may be near you. -

Questions put by the Resident in the Persian Gulf to be replied to on the same paper by Assoo the British Agent at Bharain. -

Questions relating to the Piracy committed on the Boat belonging to Abdoolah bin Moashary Nachoda Hashel. -

1. What was the Name of the Boat that

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- Questions respecting the Book said
to belong to Ahmed bin Hawajah
Nashoda Moobarack.

- 1- To what place does this boat belong
- 2- Have you yourself ever seen it or have any of your people
- 3- What are the names of the three people of Ikoor said to have had their heads cut off
- 4- What property was plundered and how many arms were taken away -
- 5- How is it known that the Bao Samet Tribe committed this act -



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- 6- How many men were in the Boat said to have committed this act -
- 7- State all further particulars you can learn respecting this alleged piracy -
- 8- Does any declared war exist between Shaikh Abdullah bin Ahmed and the Bani Sumat Tribe -
- 9- If so, when did it commence and how many boats have been taken and how many men killed or wounded on both sides since its beginning -

Draft of Circular Letter from Captain D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaiks of Rutef, Bahrein, Aboothabee, Ras el Khymah and the Imam - Bushire Residency 29th May 1827. -

It is with extreme regret that I have to announce to you ~~with~~ the commission of a most atrocious act of Piracy on 9th Shawal on a Daul belonging to Abdollah ben Shares and Nichester Hashel loaded with goods and money to a considerable amount from this place - There were likewise on board some Merchants proceeding on the faith of the late quiet state of this Gulf, to follow their peaceful occupation - The Pirates in their capture of the Boat put to death two Men drowned one and wounded 4 or 5 others - I call upon all who are interested in the general peace on all who are parties to the Treaty with the pacificated Arabs, and on all who are friends to the English Nation to make every exertion to bring the perpetrators of this act which brings disgrace on these seas to condign punishment by seizing the Boat and every individual concerned in the commission of the Piracy and recovering for its true Owner the Boat that was Captured and the whole property that was on board at the time - A List of the Names and Tribes of the different guilty individuals is making out and will be forwarded to you hereafter - the search can never be abandoned until



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until every individual concerned shall be punished and the
whole of the property recovered. -

I send you this that you may spread the
afflicting news abroad and let all know the punishment that
awaits the guilty. I shall feel much obliged by any information
tending to detection which you may send either to me or the
English Vessels sent in search of the evil doers. -

I rely with the utmost confidence on your
earnest desire to restore the happy state of tranquillity which
this Gulf enjoyed before the commission of this detestable
act. -

Draft of Letter from Captain D. Wilson Resident in the
Persian Gulf to the Shaiks of Kuteef, Bahrein, Aboothabee, Rasel-
Khymah and H. H. the Imam - Bushire Residency 29. May 1837. -

I have the pleasure to enclose to you the
copy of a circular letter which I have addressed to the several
Chiefs on the Arabian Coast respecting a most atrocious piracy
lately committed in these seas. -

Draft of Letter from Captain D. Wilson Resident in the
Persian Gulf to Agoo Agent at Bahrein - Bushire Resi-
dency 30. May 1837. -

I have received your letter dated four days
ago and have perused the information it contains, at the
same I have to express my extreme astonishment that
much important and authentic information respecting the
affair of this Piracy is daily reaching me whilst you take no
notice of many circumstances that must have come to your
knowledge. I again call upon you to clear up this affair that
I have the fullest determination to investigate to the bottom.

I desire that you may take charge of
any portion of the plundered property which you may
have an opportunity of getting possession. -

Draft of Letter from Captain D. Wilson Resident in the
Persian Gulf to Abdoola bin Ahmed - Bushire 6. July 1837.

On my return to Bushire I had the pleasure
of receiving your letter dated the 17. May and I regret much
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that it does not contain something more satisfactory respecting the valuable property which was on board the Duteel of Mashery when it was taken possession of by your subjects - I have already done myself the pleasure of writing to you concerning this Piracy - It is well known that the Duteel above mentioned was attacked, captured and the people killed on through the means of a Boat which originally belonged to Rahmah bin Jauber, and which you mention that you permitted Hassen bin Jassen and Ebid bin Mahommed to retain the former it is known was an inhabitant of Bharein and the latter I am credibly informed was ⁱⁿ your service about a year ago - After the Piracy was committed the Boats proceeded to Bharein where Hassen bin Jassen landed with part of the plundered Cargo and it is likewise known that the vessels were watered at Nasarcha, on leaving that place they proceeded to Fowereh which is likewise under your jurisdiction and the Duteel was subsequently recaptured by certain people of the Bao Kowara and Maogarka Tribe who were employed in the Pearl fishery and who stripped the pirates naked and sent them on shore without any of the property - This plain statement of the case will I trust enable you to take the necessary steps for recovering all the property which is in the hands of your subjects and I feel satisfied that when you perceive the deep interest taken in this affair by the British Government you will do every thing to evince your desire to be considered one of its attached friends which cannot in any way be better demonstrated than by recovering what has been thus plundered, and bringing to condign punishment the perpetrators of an act that can never be forgotten and which I am pledged to trace through all its ramifications - Touching what you say respecting Apsoo I beg to observe that so far from sending in information of the nature you mention I have had occasion to find fault with him for not informing me on points of importance respecting which I have had authentic information from other quarters -



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Draft of Letter from Captain D. Wilson Resident in the
Persian Gulf to Assoo Agent at Bahrain - Bushire 6 July 1837

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14 June and regret extremely that it does not contain the information of which I am so desirous that you have obtained the property which was on board the Datch of Bin Muehary when she was seized by the Pirates. I particularly request that you will not relax in the smallest your exertions until by the blessing of God the perpetrators of that infamous act be brought to condign punishment and the whole of the property be recovered. I consider myself pledged to use every effort for this purpose. Whenever you communicate any information to me I desire that you may at the same time communicate your own opinion and remarks on the authenticity or otherwise of it and not be satisfied by saying that you are informed by such a person. Abdoolah Bin Ahmed in one of his letters complains of your sending reports to me respecting him. I have replied that so far from communicating to me information of the description he mentioned I had had occasion to find fault with you for not having transmitted to me information on important points respecting which I had obtained authentic intelligence from other quarters.

Draft of Letter from Captain D. Wilson Resident in the
Persian Gulf to Abdoolah Bin Ahmed Bahrain - Khonageroon
25 July 1837.

A.C. Since I last wrote to you a few days ago, respecting the affair of the Piracy committed on Bin Muehary's Datch I have received certain information that Haysen bin Jassan and Abid Bin Mahareem are now residing at Bidda, which place being under your jurisdiction I cannot help expressing my extreme astonishment that these pirates should not have been seized.

I am likewise informed that the Pearl divers have been at Bahrain previous to proceeding on the general Pearl fishery but I have not been favored by you with information respecting any property that was

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Ul Muehary's Bateel having been recovered from them—
This Piracy has occasioned me great concern and continues
to do so. I therefore request that you will be good enough
to let me know what farther steps you mean to take
towards recovering the property and bringing the perpe-
trators of so wicked an act and all concerned directly and
indirectly with it to condign punishment that my con-
duct may be guided accordingly as my determination
is not to give up the pursuit of these objects until they
be fully attained—

The Captain of the Amherst has been re-
quested to take charge of any Communication you may
favour me with in reply to this. —

Draft of Letter from Captain D. Wilson Resident in the
Persian Gulf to Abdoolah Bin Ahmed Bahrein— Khonagenoon
24 August 1827.

A.C. I regret extremely to find that my letter
to you of the 25th July has been by unforeseen circumstances
detained longer at Bushire than I expected and as it may
yet be some time before it be delivered into your hands, I send
this in which I shall recapitulate its contents. —

[I here repeat the letter of the 25th July 1827] Vide Page 121—
Since writing the above I have not received any communica-
tion from you in answer to some of my former letters on
this subject which surprises me much since you are fully
aware of my great desire to have every explanation respect-
ing it that I may satisfy my Government concerning who
it will be necessary to punish for the perpetration of such
an act of Piracy. I therefore again beg you will favour me
with all the information you have lately collected as
well as with the names of all persons who have been con-
nected directly or indirectly with the above mentioned
act of infamy. — I count entirely on your zealous and friend-
ly exertions in this important affair. —

Draft of Letter from Captain D. Wilson Resident in the
Persian Gulf to Assoo Agent at Bahrein— Khonagenoon 24
August 1827.

I have again written to Abdoolah Bin
Ahmed



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Ahmed respecting the affair of Bin Mooshary's Bateel and I desire you will continue your representations to him on this subject - I wish to call your attention to my former letters in which I desire you to send me the names of every individual connected directly or indirectly with it.

Vide page 183 this Book for the letter to Mulla Hojja Agent at Shargah dated 4. Oct. 1827.

Draft of Letter from Captain D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaikh Sabnoon - Shiraz 5th October 1827.

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I am sorry to be under the necessity of bringing to your notice certain Piratical acts that have been committed by persons who are under your jurisdiction and in doing so to intimate that it is necessary reparation should be forthwith made to those who have been ^{injured} ~~damaged~~ and the necessary punishment inflicted upon those who have thus taken a treacherous advantage of a time when a profound peace existed by sea and more particularly so between you and the people of Shargah as expressed in your letter to me of the 31st July which states that "now there is peace established between us both great and small."

A certain person by name Thalufa bin Udwitha who it appears has been placed by you in Authority at Debay piratically seized eleven Boats belonging to the people of Shargah and plundered them of their Arms and pearls fortunately an English Cruiser heard of this improper affair and procured the release of the Boats but of course there are still claims on account of the property that was on board of them - The said Thalufa bin Udwitha behaved in a most unbecoming manner refusing for some time to restore anything and instead of coming out like an honest man to meet the person sent to communicate with him he retired to the top of a Tower keeping those who went in a friendly manner outside and exposed to every inconvenience - Had the English Vessel met the Debay boats that took those belonging to Shargah the Orders which all Cruisers have would have obliged the Captain to capture them and treat their Crews as pirates.

Subsequently to the above a Buggara belonging to Shargah, was captured by some persons of the Bonyas Tribe plundered of its Pearls and mainsail and two of its crew were wounded.

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Two Sharga Boats were fishing among a fleet
of Bharin Vessels but they were attacked in the night by some
of the Benger Tribe and captured three men being killed and 4
wounded. The Bharin Boats rescued one of these two and de-
livered it to its owners the names of the Owners are Ali bin
Dorwish and Khulfan bin Ahmed.

Subsequently to the above 4 Boats belonging
to Ageman were attacked by the people of Debay off Jubel ma-
ny were killed and wounded and the Bugaras were carried
into Debay.

What other occurrences of this nature may
have taken place will of course be reported to me and I
shall be guided in my conduct accordingly my first object
is to make you acquainted with what I know fully convinced
that when these disgraceful proceedings are brought to your
notice you will not stay your hand until you have punish-
ed the guilty and made full and entire compensation for
the loss of lives, the wounds and the loss and destruction of
property that has thus taken place when no war had been
proclaimed and men were beginning to have trust in their
neighbours even on the sea.

The conduct of such men as Kalcfa bin Admika
and the others who have had in these piracies cannot be tolerated
for a moment and I am certain that if an account of their con-
duct has already reached you that they will already have suf-
fered I should in that case feel obliged by your letting me
know what has been done as it is necessary that I should let that
punishment be known to all the Arab Tribes to show that the
British Government is interested and watchful for their
benefit and determined to put down all who disturb the gen-
eral tranquillity.

I shall feel much obliged that no mistakes
or accidents may occur if you will ^{cause} ~~consider~~ it to be again pro-
claimed among all your dependents that the British Cruisers
have strict orders to seize all Vessels committing piratical
acts to whomsoever they may belong or from whatsoever
place they may come.

As it is a long time since I have had the
pleasure of receiving any accounts of your health I have re-
quested the Captain of the Cruiser which conveys this to bring
me from yourself a gratifying communication on this head.



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I am now inland but I hope by the blessing of God to be on
the sea coast in a few days which will render my intercourse
with you easy. -

Memorandum of part of the conversation between H.R.
H. the Prince of Shiraz and Captain Wilson Resident in the
Gulf of Persia which took place in the course of the audience
on the 6th October 1827. -

The Prince after some preliminary observa-
tions informed the Resident that he had the day before received
a communication from Shaikh Abdool Ruzsool in which he stated
that owing to his Son's inexperience and youth some misun-
derstandings had taken place with certain individuals con-
nected with the English Government but that since his arri-
val at Bushire he had done every thing in his power to re-
medy them besides severely punishing the Authors and that
he was now on the best possible footing with the Residency.
H.R.H. then continued to say that he was desirous of being
informed by Captain Wilson whether this statement was cor-
rect as he must undoubtedly have received some intimation
on the subject from his Agent there - adding that if it was
not so he should be under the necessity of using stronger
and more positive injunctions to the Shaikh on the subject
as the favor and kindness he showed to the British Chief
rested entirely on the propriety of his conduct towards the English.
Captain Wilson replied that H.R.H. had been rightly informed
and that he had not the least doubt from the Ruzsool which
he had so graciously issued that all misunderstandings and
causes of complaint would be completely removed both now
and in future - that he / the Resident / should feel the high-
est satisfaction in reporting to his Government the gracious
reception he had experienced from H.R.H. together with
the many marks of favor and attention he had received as
well as the ready accordance which had been given to all
his wishes and requests. - No further conversation relating
to business took place. -



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Draft of Letter from Captain D. Wilson Resident in the
Persian Gulf to His Highness the Imam of Muscat - Shiraz
5th October 1827. -

A. C. I beg leave to present to your Highness
my friend Major Jervis who has been employed by the
Government for some years in this part of the world is now
about to return to Bombay and will pass by Muscat. I
gladly take advantage of this opportunity to enquire after
your Highness's health and to express the earnest desire
I have to hear good accounts of yourself and all your
affairs. -

I feel assured that your Highness will
derive great pleasure in learning that I have received
most agreeable accounts of my Brother Colonel Stannus
from Constantinople; I beg to assure your Highness that
he continues to feel the deepest interest in all that con-
cerns you and will ever preserve the deepest sense of
your kindness and friendship with which he was so for-
tunate as to be honored. -

I entreat your Highness will accept the
assurances of my highest respect and consideration. -

Draft of Letter from Captain D. Wilson Resident in the
Persian Gulf to the Shah of Bushire - Shiraz 16th October
1827. -

A. C. I have received your very friendly letter
respecting the affair of the ship Bedford. -

It appears that the Captain in acting
in the manner which I have been informed he has done
has acted contrary to the orders of the Government as
well as to the usual customs of Bushire. - I feel obliged
by your having given me early information on this sub-
ject, that I may take steps to remedy the evils which have
happened and to prevent them from again occurring -
This will be sent to you by Messrs. Esai and Malcolm
who have already been frequently recommended to your
friendly consideration and I beg to do so ever more. -



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Draft of Note from Captain D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Ali Moorad Khan - Shiraz 18th October 1827

A.C. I am sorry to be once more obliged to remind you on a subject respecting which we have already had so much discussion and I have received so many assurances and so little fulfilment of these assurances - It is unnecessary for me to add that these assurances were given respecting the affair of the Vessels that were wrecked near Borda Khan three years ago in which there was so much valuable property (of which you have Lists) amounting as you know to more than fifty thous. and Rupees. -

After all that has been said and written respecting this property it would be tedious and unnecessary to enumerate the whole of the Articles here but some things are of a very remarkable nature and others that even if none of the property were forthcoming, might be had, since they are known to exist and are easily recognizable I mean particularly two Men of the Island of Johanna, who were free in their own country, and have been made slaves in this, and are now in the hands of Juma Khan - This is not creditable for Persia and it cannot be the wish of the great men in it that all the rest of the world should point at them, and say to those who may be willing to come for the goods by purpose of trading to not near such people, for if any misfortune may happen to you, not only will you be robbed of the little you may have, but you will yourselves be made slaves. - I pray you therefore to get these men released that you may remove the stain that is on your Country - There were also two other less fortunate beings who were in servitude, a man and a woman, they two are required. -

Another remarkable object is a very valuable box of old coins that was embarked Syed Hamza Vessel by the Resident of Bushora, that surely or an equivalent may be had. -

What can I say in addition to what has already been urged respecting the rest of the property which was robbed when the Vessels were wrecked, excepting that it is your special duty to recover as much of it as possible. -

This affair has been urged at Shiraz by the Ambassador now with the King, by that distinguished person the



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the late Resident in the Persian Gulf and God willing cannot be abandoned by the present - It has been put into your hands by the Shah and I call upon you to fulfil His Majesty's gracious intentions. -

Draft of Letter from Captain D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to the Wuzer of Fars - Shiraz 24th October 1827

A.C. Respecting your most friendly note concerning the One Thousand Stand of Arms required by H.R.H. the Prince of Fars I beg to inform you in the way of friendship that if it be H.R.H. wish that they should be procured from the Indian Government the most usual way would be to make the application through the Envoy at the Court of H. Majesty the Shah. -

Draft of Note from Captain D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to the Wuzer of Fars - Shiraz 26th October 1827

A.C. This will be delivered to you by Mr. Anakeel a respectable Armenian Gentleman who is now residing at Shiraz as you already know. Mr. Anakeel has been long known to many English Gentlemen and is highly respected by them this being the case I have ventured to bring him to your notice in the hope of your being good enough to extend your kindness and protection to him. -

Draft of Letter from Captain D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Moolah Sahib Agent at Mogoo - Bushire 14th November 1827. -

A.C. Your letters have been received and their contents understood - With respect to what you write touching the long period which has elapsed without your accounts for Co'side having been settled and of your having procured an advance of 100 German Crowns from Captain Walker on account I am astonished at your presumption in taking so large a sum without my special orders and at the same time consider it necessary to intimate to you my displeasure at your not having even alluded to your accounts for the
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space of 8 or 9 Months and at your not having sent them up
here before. — You are therefore directed to lose no time in
transmitting them to Bushire by the very first opportunity
and in future you are not to fail in forwarding the statements
of the expenses you may incur on the above account by every
succeeding vessel which circumstances may render it expedi-
ent to despatch hither. —

P.S. Send the enclosed letters to Captain Walker immedi-
ately you receive them by a Boat. —

Draft of Letter from Captain D. Wilson Resident in the Persian
Gulf to Moolla Hoofsen Agent at Sharga — Bushire 18th Nov^r
1827. — A.C.

Your letters of the 16th October and 1st and 4th
of November have reached me and been understood — You
certainly should have forwarded the intelligence they contain
to Baspadore that Captain Walker or whoever might be there
might have known it and you will be careful for the future to
send to Baspadore all information respecting the occurrences on
the Coast, address your letter Captain Walker or — whatever
Officer may be there. I am surprised likewise that you should
have hesitated to send information here on these points be-
cause you heard an idle report that I might be absent — There
is always some person here to act upon any information
that may arrive. —

Send the enclosed duplicate letter to Rasheed
bin Hummed wherever he may be it is calling upon him
respecting the misconduct of Udwee. —

Always send me intelligence of import-
ance as quickly as possible by your not having written
to Baspadore the service has been delayed. —

Draft of Letter from Captain D. Wilson Resident in the
Persian Gulf to Rasheed Bin Hummed — Bushire 18th
November 1827. — A.C.

Information has just reached me
that a person belonging to Oman by name Udwee who has
for many years resided with you and for whom you are
in consequence responsible has seized two Boats belonging
to Derah and one to Delay with all their pearls &c. &c. —
and



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and taken them to Giman your place, as I know of no open war that exists between you and Derah and Debag I can not look upon this affair in any other light than that of a Piracy I therefore call upon you to seize this evil disposed person by some Odwee and to prevent his committing further mischief for which you will be answerable - You will likewise be considered answerable for the two Dehaa and the one Debag Boat now with you - This bad man also took a Boat belonging to Howait and has it is said ~~that he~~ carried it to Tanoon - Respecting these affairs I expect to receive a satisfactory answer from you which I am anxious to do as soon as possible that I may know how to proceed. -

Draft of Letter from Captain D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Sultan Bin Suggar - Bushire 22nd Novem^r 1827. - A. C.

I have received your letter of the 2nd November intimating that the peace was again broken between you and Tanoon, at which you of course know I am deeply grieved, but I trust and hope that the great God whom you invoke may be pleased to turn the hearts and minds of both from such evil and once more incline the people of both to peace and good understanding - This is my most earnest wish -

Should however this war still unhappily continue I trust that both you and Tanoon will deeply impress upon all under you the necessity of conducting it in a manner that all whom the fortune of war may bring into their power may be treated with the humanity shown on all such occasions by civilized nations - I beg that you will likewise impress upon very deeply all the people the absolute necessity of attending to the treaty which exists between you and the British Government, more especially the eight Articles which says -

Vide Eight Article of General Treaty

For the rest I trust soon to hear from you better news. -



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Draft of Letter from Captain D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Abdoolla Bin Ahmed - Bushire 10. Dec. 1827.

A.C. I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd October respecting the affair of Bin Maasharys Boat and of which affair I must not God willing lose sight untill the perpetrators of such an outrage be brought to condign punishment.

I have been much gratified by the accounts you give me of the exertions you have made and still intend to make to recover the property which will doubtless be attended with the desired effect, much must of course have fallen into the hands of the persons you mention for no person can believe that they allowed the people to go out of the captured Bateel with anything valuable, on the contrary it is known that they sent them on shore naked.

It would appear from the conclusion of your letter that you are surprised at my interesting myself so very much in this affair respecting which I have already written to you so frequently, but to whom should one apply in a case of necessity but to a friend whose knowledge and situation gives him a readier opportunity of reaching a great will than I have myself - This Outrage took place near the Persian Coast and had the perpetrators of it landed they doubtless would have been seized by the local Government and have suffered a merited punishment but instead of landing in this neighbourhood, they proceeded to Bhairein which place they had been in the custom of frequenting and where some had their families and where they remained some days, goods as well as men were landed, portions of the cargo which I have myself seen have subsequently been sent from Bhairein to this place for sale, with a certain knowledge of all these circumstances to whom could I apply but to yourself - For your kindness in recovering the Boat all concerned will doubtless be grateful and I beg you will accept my warmest thanks for your exertions respecting the property which as I have before observed I don't not will in the end be crowned with complete success - The endeavours of a true friend are never to be



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be despaired of and I consequently have the utmost reliance on yours who but a friend could be of use on such an occasion -

You will I am sure have been sorry to hear of the misunderstanding that again subsists between Sultan bin Sagger and Shaikh Tanoon - I pray God the peaceably disposed may not suffer from their quarrels - whilst I feel confident that you will cordially unite your exertions with those of the British Government to prevent in any way this unfortunate war from degenerating into one of plunder and piracy through the evil disposition of any who may wish to make a pretext of the present disturbed state of the Arabian coast and to return to practices that cannot be tolerated for a single day -
Continue to favor me with accounts of your health as well as of any occurrences of moment that may take place in your neighbourhood -

Draft of Letter from Captain D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Yusef Agent at Bazarin - Bushire 10th Dec^r 1827 -

I have received your letter of the 28th Nov^r and now enclose another for Shaikh Ahmed respecting Bin Moossharys Bateel - Your exertions to recover the property will of course be continued -

Whatever you may have been recovered you will take the first good and safe opportunity of forwarding to this place the owners having given me a paper to express this desire and their readiness to defray any expenses that may be incurred on account of freight -

Send me as frequently as possible accounts of the state of affairs in your neighbourhood and of the proceedings of Tanoon and Bin Sagger -

Draft of Letter from Captain D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaikh Tanoon - Bushire 20th Dec^r 1827

A.C. I cannot allow the opportunity of the Government vessels touching at Abou Dhabi to pass without expressing my astonishment at your not having favored me with any reply to my last communication on the subject of the



the conduct of Bin Duncethaw but considering it possible that
you may have been absent at the time the Cruiser arrived
on your Coast. I now enclose a duplicate of the same. -
I felt much surprised at hearing hostilities had broken out
between you and Pooltan bin Shagger without you having
given me the slightest intimation of such being the case.
I wish therefore to impress upon you how necessary it
is that I should receive timely information of any intensi-
fied warfare as otherwise it may possibly happen that the
Government Vessels falling in with Boats engaged with each
other may perhaps conceive them to be doing so with pirati-
cal intentions and under that overtake possession of them.
An Answer to this communication by the
Cruiser which brings this is requested. -

Draft of Letter from Captain D. Wilson Resident in the
Persian Gulf to the Wajir of Fars - Bushire 26. Decem. 1837
A.C.

I take the opportunity of my friend Mr.
Hamilton who is proceeding to join Colonel Macdonald to
inquire after your health and to express the great interest
I feel in your welfare and the desire I have to hear from
you by every opportunity. -

As my friend Mr. Hamilton is a stran-
ger in this country I have to request that you will be good
enough to solicit from H. R. H. the Prince the Puckhurn
which he has always been pleased to grant to Gentlemen
so situated. -

Draft of Letter from Captain D. Wilson Resident in the
Persian Gulf to Mirza Ali Akbar English Agent at Shiraz -
Bushire 26. December 1837.

This will be delivered to you by my
friend Mr. Hamilton who is proceeding by the Orders
of Sir John Malcolm to join Colonel Macdonald and
request that you may give him whatever aid may be
necessary to enable him to accomplish his journey in
the most convenient way you will give him also every
information respecting the state of the Country and the
route he should pursue to reach Tehran where he will
find



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Find D.^r McNeill. - I have recommended M.^r Hamilton to take a Frash belonging to the Prince or Wazir with him to Isfahan and desire that you will make a proper agreement in this matter that M.^r Hamilton may not pay too much. - M.^r Hamilton has a letter to the Wazir requesting him to grant the usual Ruckhum. -

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to the Wazir of Fars - 14th January 1828 Bushire

[After Compliments and thanks for the looking Glass sent.]

I heard with the greatest possible regret of the occurrences in the north to which your letter alludes, as well from the deep interest which all the servants of the English Government take in every thing that concerns Persia as from the sympathy I feel in all which may in any way be disagreeable to His Royal Highness or yourself but in the midst of this affliction I may certainly rest satisfied that you will be aware how much I rejoice to hear of the great preparations which you acquaint me are in progress to accomplish all that the most sanguine friends of Persia could desire - Continue to favour me with your correspondence and a relation of every thing in which you take an interest. -

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Sultan bin Sagger - Bushire 7th February 1828. -

A.C. I have had the pleasure of receiving your letter dated the 20th January brought here by your Dated. You intimate that you have not heard from me for a long time, at which I am sorry, as I certainly have written, and God willing my letters will still reach you - I have likewise been unfortunate respecting your communications, the one respecting the breaking out of hostilities between you and Tanoun received, and answered immediately, but to this time - I have never had the gratification to receive any letter from you respecting the subsequent peace which I understand has been happily concluded and for which



which I thank God - (9) 135
You intimate that you always "act with fear and circumspection lest discord should arise" and that your intention and purposes are turned solely towards peace and quietness. I always rejoice when men act so, in fact our purposes are one, since peace and quietness is the object of the Government I serve.

No man should ever be impeded in the defence of his just rights, and if he go to war to maintain them who can call that war wrong? - Wars arise in all parts of the earth and will continue to arise so long as there are evil disposed men who inhabit it, but not wars similar to those that used to be carried on here formerly when being at war with one people was considered a ^{sufficient} excuse for plundering and murdering the weak and unfortunate of all without any declaration of such war having been made that the peaceably inclined, the Merchants the traders the fishermen and all who had occasion to be on the sea, might be prepared to avoid evil. - It is to put an end to wars of this description that we have come here and God willing our determination will never alter, and we count confidently on the aid of all chiefs who may intimate like you that their intentions and purposes are turned solely towards peace.

With regard to His Highness the Imam proceeding to Mombassa, he is the best Judge of his own affairs and as to the Akazargias being your people, their War your War and their peace your peace, I cannot be any judge since I was not acquainted with this before, but it becomes me as your friend to offer my advice that for the benefit of your own subjects you should be cautious in taking a part in any war yet should it be your intention to identify yourself with the people against whom Syed Syed has proceeded, to prevent all mistakes on the part of our ships it will be proper that due intimation of your making war should be given, Syed Syed declared his intentions to all the world more than a year ago - Having thus given my "opinion in this affair" your friend can only add that he hopes you will continue to favour him with your correspondence and gratify him by sending good accounts of your health and prosperity.



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Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the
Persian Gulf to Shaikh Tanoon - Bushire 23rd Febr. 1828.

A.C. I have the pleasure to acknowledge the
receipt of your letter dated 22nd January - Respecting what
you write concerning Khaleefa bin Dammethou being a
mere Soldier and not one capable of giving an answer
I can only observe that my duty will oblige me to proceed
forthwith against any person who may act in the way
which he did and if men who commit such acts be placed
in important situations there will be great danger of a mis-
understanding arising between the British Government
and whoever may place them there. - Ever since my arri-
val in these parts I have had the greatest desire to have
the gratification of becoming personally known to and I
hope ere long to accomplish this wish as I purpose soon
being in your neighbourhood. -

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the
Persian Gulf to Raschid bin Humud - Bushire 23rd
February 1828. -

A.C. I have had the pleasure of receiving your
letter respecting the liberation of Udwee, and have to observe
that you having permitted such a person once more to
go abroad into the world must of course be considered
responsible for any evil consequences arising from his
being so and doubtless you have taken good security
against all such contingencies - As to this person being of
Tannoons Tribe, since he has resided so long under your
protection I can not but consider his after that proceed-
ing from your place to commit piracies renders you
responsible for all such acts - As to the people of Khwait
I have written to them and shall again communicate with
you after receiving their answer, if I should not have the
pleasure of seeing you which I am in hopes may be ere long
as I purpose being in your neighbourhood. -



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Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Mirza Ali Akbar. - Bushire 1st March 1828
A.C.

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter and have understood its contents. - I now send off Ispandiar Cossid with a Packet for Colonel Macdonald should either of the Government Cossids be present in Shiraz you will be pleased to despatch the packet immediately to Isfahan and at the same time to particularly enjoin Hajee Meer Baker to cause the Bearer to return to you the instant of his arrival. - In the event however of neither of the Government Cossids having returned from Isfahan you will keep the Packet by you for 8 days should either of them make his appearance in that time you will send him off as above directed but should it be otherwise you will detain the Packet until you receive another one from Bushire which will be in the course of 15 days when you will despatch both together. - The instant you receive this communication send off Mahomed Ali Cossid to Bushire. - Ispandiar Cossid arrived here in excellent time and is to be with you before 12 o'clock on Thursday the 6th Instant should he not arrive by that time you will not fail to discharge him settling his arrears from the 1st Inst. - As he has received his pay for last month you are not to make him any further advances. -

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Hajee Meer Baker - Bushire 1st March 1828.

A.C.

Should Colonel Macdonald have given you no precise orders respecting the arrangement of the Cossids between Shiraz and Isfahan you will be pleased to cause the Bearer of any packet from Mirza Ali Akbar to return the instant of his arrival as owing to the detention of the two Government Cossids in Isfahan the additional expence of 20 R. for a person to convey the last packet from Shiraz was incurred. - You will also have the kindness to note particularly whether the Cossids arrive by the time specified in Mirza Ali Akbar's communication to you and in case of their exceeding it by a single hour you will not fail to



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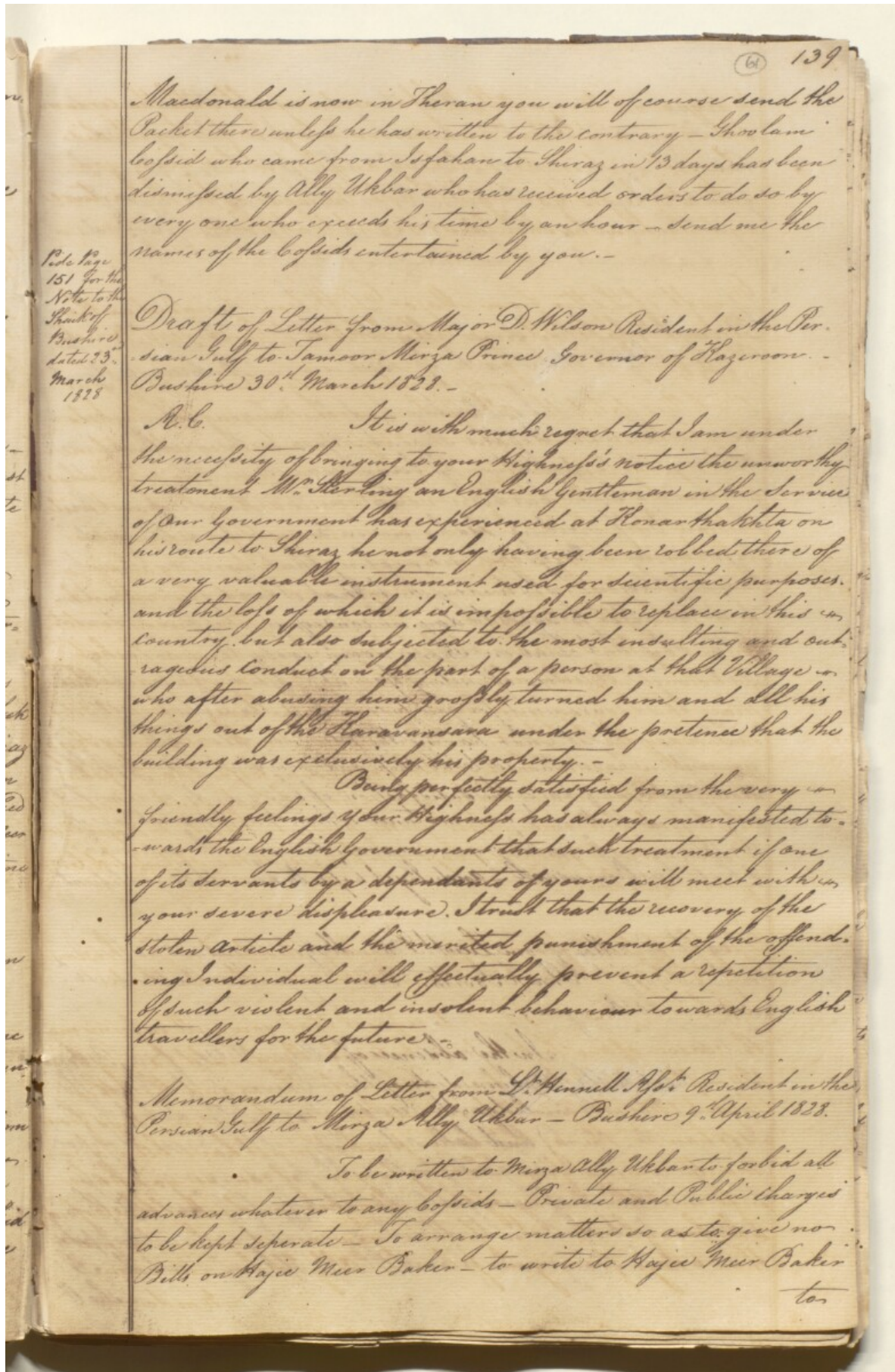
to acquaint Merza Ally Ukebar and myself with the circumstance in order that such person may be forthwith discharged and in despatching any Cossid to Shiraz you will also be good enough to note the hour of his departure and the hour he should arrive at that place. -

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Meerza Ally Ukebar - Bushire 6th March 1828.

A.C. I have to acknowledge the receipt of your two letters dated the 12th Shabon accompanying the Packets from Colonel Macdonald the 2 Cossids came in excellent time. With regard to Nowroz Cossid having come in 7 days you must tell him he will not be permitted again and you must write to Hajee Meer Baker to desire him always to fix 6 days from Isfahan to Shiraz - you did very right in turning away Shoolam Cossid pay him his wages and send the account here at length - let me know the names of the persons entertained by Meer Baker at Isfahan - I now send a Packet for Colonel Macdonald by Mahomed Cossid who leaves this place this Evening and must arrive at Shiraz before 12 O'clock on Tuesday the 11th Inst. or 24th Shabon - On his reaching Shiraz you will immediately despatch Sepandiar Cossid to Isfahan along with the former Packet if it is not already sent - Mahomed Ally Cossid will remain here for the present - Write to Hajee Meer Baker never to pardon a Cossid who exceeds the stipulated time by even one hour. -

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Hajee Meer Baker - Bushire 6th March 1828.

A.C. I have to request that you will inform me the reason of one Packet from Colonel Macdonald having been 1 Month and 14 days from Tabreez to Shiraz and the other Packet 1 Month and 7 days. - As Nowroz came in 7 days from Isfahan to Shiraz the latter packet must have been a month coming from Tabreez to you, of course you have informed the Envoy of the improper conduct of the Cossid who brought it. - In future you must never fix more than 6 days from your place to Ally Ukebar - As Colonel Macdonald



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Macdonald is now in Shiraz you will of course send the Packet there unless he has written to the contrary - Ghulam Gossids who came from Isfahan to Shiraz in 13 days has been dismissed by Ally Akbar who has received orders to do so by every one who exceeds his time by an hour - send me the names of the Gossids entertained by you. -

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Jamoor Mirza Prince Governor of Hazeroon. -
Bushire 30th March 1828. -

A.C. It is with much regret that I am under the necessity of bringing to your Highness's notice the unworthy treatment Mr. Sterling an English Gentleman in the Service of our Government has experienced at Honar thatketa on his route to Shiraz he not only having been robbed there of a very valuable instrument used for scientific purposes and the loss of which it is impossible to replace in this country but also subjected to the most insulting and outrageous conduct on the part of a person at that Village who after abusing him grossly turned him and all his things out of the Haravansara under the pretence that the building was exclusively his property. -

Being perfectly satisfied from the very friendly feelings your Highness has always manifested towards the English Government that such treatment if one of its servants by a dependant of yours will meet with your severe displeasure. I trust that the recovery of the stolen article and the merited punishment of the offending Individual will effectually prevent a repetition of such violent and insolent behaviour towards English travellers for the future. -

Memorandum of Letter from G. Hennell Esq. Resident in the Persian Gulf to Mirza Ally Akbar - Bushire 9th April 1828.

To be written to Mirza Ally Akbar to forbid all advances whatever to any Gossids - Private and Public charges to be kept separate - To arrange matters so as to give no Bills on Hajee Meer Baker - to write to Hajee Meer Baker to



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to be particular in deducting the amount of 6 R. advanced by Mirza Ally Ukbar to one of his Cossids - Who ordered in him to engage Cossids at 40 R. - Receipts taken from Ser. - giants or not - 45 R. Extra Expenditure on account of Cossids besides the 40 R. per Mensem - No dates of Cossids - In his accounts to send them in future -

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to the Shaik of Bahrein - Bahrein 11. April 1828.

I yesterday had the pleasure to acquaint you by the means of the Agent Assoo with my being on shore in the expectation of being received in the friendly manner which has been usual on the Resident in the Persian Gulf visiting Bahrein in answer I was favored by receiving a Message intimating that you could not come to see me yesterday but that it was your intention to do so after prayers to day in consequence of this I returned to the ship but came on shore again early this morning that I might be certain of meeting you at any time of the day which it might be convenient for you to come - After remaining the whole day without either having the pleasure of seeing or hearing from you I have returned to the ship and now send Assoo with this Note that I may have the satisfaction of being made acquainted with the unfortunate circumstances which has deprived me of the pleasure of making your acquaintance in the manner which has been usual - And yet hope to have that gratification

Draft of Letter from Lieut. S. Hennell M. A. Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaik Sultan bin Suggur - Bushrah 16. April or 30 Ramzan.

A. C. In the absence of Major Wilson from Bushrah on a visit to the Arabian side of the Persian Gulf I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 15. Ramzan (1. April) and take advantage of the present opportunity to express the gratification the pleasing accounts of the continuance of your good Health afforded me - With reference to the misunderstanding which has so unhappily arisen between yourself and the people of Howet I shall



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shall say nothing more at present than that as Major Wilson has most probably long before this had the satisfaction of enjoying a personal interview with you at Ras el Khyma you have doubt not availed yourself of the opportunity thus afforded you of submitting to him your various object together with such occurrences as you may consider legitimate subjects of complaint all of which I feel the fullest conviction will meet with every attention and consideration from that Gentlemen - Continue to favor me with your correspondence and to include me in the number of your friends. -

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Janoon - Bassadore 21st April 1828.

A.C.

I am sorry that circumstances prevented me from having more conversation with you when I was at Abouthebb particularly respecting the conduct pursued by your Governor of Debay Thaleefa bin Durner than during the Pearl fishing season of last year, and I am still more sorry to have occasion to notice to you an outrage lately committed by some people belonging to Debay on a Boat carrying despatches in the service of the Government. This Boat was attacked by thieves near the Island of Bomo so as has already been made known to you by Moola Hadjson, he has likewise made you acquainted with the Names of the persons engaged in this infamous affair who have of course been punished by you. If the people of Debay or of any other place conceive that such acts can be committed without due punishment it is necessary that you should undeceive them and I have to request that you write intimate to all under you that in the event of similar acts being committed the English Vessels have orders to proceed against all whose conduct may be so ill regulated. -

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Raschid bin Hamud - Bassadore 21st April 1828.

A.C.

I am very sorry that I have not had an opportunity



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opportunity of conversing with you respecting an important subject concerning which I have already written to you but have not as yet received any answer to my last letter, it is your having released the person by name Adwee one whose character is so notoriously bad that I shall be under the necessity of paying particular attention to his proceedings, and since you have permitted him again to be at liberty I beg to intimate that you will be held responsible for whatever evil may arise from his being so. -

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to the Shaik of Linga - Bapsadore 25. April 1822. -

I am sorry to be under the necessity of communicating with you on a disagreeable subject - a thief by name Khumies bin Hoossein after having robbed a Bahrein Boat proceeded to your port of Linga from where he was permitted to go wherever he pleased instead of being seized that due punishment might be inflicted upon him to deter others from committing similar offences - The coming and going of such persons as Khumies bin Hoossein looks bad before the world and I am sorry for it on account of the friendship I have towards you but it is my duty to say that you are expected to prevent the resort of such persons to Linga which may otherwise be attended with unpleasant consequences. -

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Moolah Saleh Agent at Linga - Bapsadore 25. April 1822. -

N.B.

I am sorry once more to have occasion to find fault with you and to say that you have not done your duty - A Thief by name Khumies bin Hoossein robbed a Bahrein Boat, came to Linga and was allowed to go away quietly without any notice being taken of his conduct - I have not heard of your having represented this affair to the Shaik or even made a report of it to myself



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myself—It is impossible that affairs of this nature can be
passed over and if you do not account in a satisfactory
manner for this seeming neglect I must find some other
person to perform the duties at Linga.

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Per-
sian Gulf to Sultan Bin Sagger. — Bassadore 25th April 1828.
A.C.

In speaking to you the other day respecting
the Thief Udwee and his bad actions I omitted to notice an-
other by name Khumees bin Hoopsen who plundered a
Boat belonging to Pharein; this person is not only your
subject and belongs to Sharga but proceeded to Sharga
after having committed this theft—This affair has already
been represented to you by Moolah Hoopsen and I shall
be happy to hear what punishment has been inflicted
on him after the stolen property was of course taken
away and restored.

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the
Persian Gulf to Moola Hoopsen — Bassadore 25th April 1828.

You forgot to remind me respecting the
theft committed by Khumees bin Hoopsen I have therefore
been under the necessity of writing instead of speaking
which would have been much better to Sultan Bin Sagger
respecting this affair—Let me know as soon as possible
what has been done and where Khumees bin Hoopsen
is at present.

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian
Gulf to Yscoo Agent at Dabhoon — Bushire 5th May 1828.

I have been informed that vessels occasion-
ally come from India to Pharein freighted with men and
women who have either been kidnapped or purchased in that
country of which they are Natives and consequently British
subjects I desire most positively that you do immediately
send me all the information which may be in your pos-
session on this important point and that you will also obtain
and



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and transmit the best information from other quarters respecting the nature and extent of this infamous traffic. - You will likewise inform me what number of persons came up in one of the Vessels which arrived last year respecting which I have already obtained some information and particularly where they now are. -

Draft of Note from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaik. Abdool Ruzsool - Bushire 6. May 1828.

I have had the pleasure to receive your most friendly Note and thank you much for your kind inquiries after my health which thank God is better as well as that of Captain Maughan although we are both sorrowfull for the recent occurrence. - My friend Aga Jamall mentioned certain circumstances to me which I should never have thought of noticing to you, but beg that you will make your mind easy respecting them. - The tongue of friendship instructs the unthinking and when they have been sustained for some time in the right path by hands as friendly their course in the end becomes wise and most satisfactory. this will I doubt not in due season be accomplished by your kindness in permitting all things to take their natural course and discarding all anger and affliction from your mind. - Anger reforms no one and sweet words and kind treatment put away evil thoughts. -

As I considered your house as my own I shall have the pleasure of inviting myself there very soon.

Draft of Note from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaik. Abdool Ruzsool - Bushire 7. May 1828.

A.C. I have the pleasure of acknowledging the receipt of your most friendly Note. - My friend seems to have overlooked the contents of my last Note which God willing he will now understand perfectly. - In accordance with the liberty I intimated I should take I beg to say that I shall have much pleasure in dining with you the day after tomorrow. -



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Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the
Persian Gulf to the Shaikh of Grain - Bushire 8th May 1828.

A.C.

I regret that I have not yet been favoured
with an answer from you respecting a complaint which was
made by Rashed bin Humad some time ago and communica-
ted by me to you in a letter dated

On my lately visiting Rasool Khymah
Sultan Bin Suggar also made a complaint to me that some
of his Boats had been extremely ill used by some of your
people at that time in Bussoorah River - That the things
on board of them had first been taken out then the people
had been seized and put in Irons and afterwards a sum of
money was taken from each Boats. -

Never having heard of there being any
declared and open war between your tribes and those of the
above mentioned persons, and the British Government
being determined to put a stop to all piracy and not to per-
mit any outrages to be committed by any persons whoever
they may be in this Gulf I request that you will be good
enough to let me know what the causes were of your
people acting in the manner they are said to have done.

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian
Gulf to Sultan Bin Suggar - Bushire 8th May 1828. -

A.C.

According to the promise I made to you at
Rasool Khymah the other day immediately on my return to
Bushire I set on foot inquiries respecting your complaints of
some of your boats having been misused by the people of
Khoait and I have been informed that circumstances were
as follows - The people of Khoait as allies of the Moota Sallim
of Bussoorah were engaged in a war with the people of
Chaut whose ports they were blockading when your Bugga-
las arrived and in spite of the remonstrances of the people
carrying on the blockade which in regular warfare is res-
pected by neutral powers, your Boats insisted upon enter-
ing into communication with the Chauts and it was under
the idea of their having thus relieved the persons blockad-
ed that your boats were interfered with by those of Khoait -
supposing



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supposing you to be unacquainted with these circumstances I communicate them to you and request that you will let me know how far they may be correct.

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Assoo Agent at Bahrein - Bushire 21st May 1828.

I have received your letter of the 8th May stating that after enquiring you have not been able to find any traces of Slaves brought from India - I desire that your attention to this point may not relax and I shall be much surprised if I receive intelligence on such important points from other quarters previous to receiving it from you - I wish to hear concerning the proceedings that Shaik Abdoola has thought it necessary to follow respecting the people of Baid. da and in the event of his removing the population from that place into whose hands it is likely to fall - It has been a place of resort to the evil disposed which I hope will not be the case hereafter. - Let me know what alterations are taking place at Dinnon and what the ideas of the Arabs respecting it are.

As you in all probability have a Hindoo or other correspondent at Aboothahee I wish you to tell him to write thence from that place, as intelligence is long of reaching me when it has to go round by Moorla Hoosna at Sharga - If your man took any trouble in doing this of course I should consider it.

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to the Shaik of Assoo. - Bushire 23rd May 1828
A.C.

I regret to be under the necessity of acquainting you of information having reached me that men who have committed evil acts have thought themselves safe by proceeding to your place Assoo - The circumstances are this, two ill disposed persons by name Adeel and Ali bin Said originally from Delay but last from Amelgawein proceeded to sea with four other men from the last mentioned place having met about two months ago a boat belonging Hullah last from Bunderabasi, attacked and robbed it of



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of the whole of its cargo, which has carried to your place of Assaloo. — These Villains are I understand still either at Assaloo, or its neighbourhood with the property I have therefore to request that you will take immediate steps to recover it and get possession of the person of the thieves. —

I regret extremely the circumstance of these people having resorted to Assaloo as I fear that this circumstance may be prejudicial to you for whom I have a most friendly feeling — You are aware of course that the British Government takes the deepest interest in the suppression of all such acts and it would afford me great pleasure should I hereafter have occasion to notice this circumstance to H. H. the Prince of Fars to be able at the same time to assure him of the readiness with which you had seconded my views.

Memorandum of the substance of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Moola Sallah — Bushire 23rd May 1828.

Acknowledge Moola Sallah's letter — say that I have written to the Shaikh of Assaloo respecting the Hulba boat affair and desire him to get every further information respecting it — say I have written to the Shaikh of Linga by Captain Maughan and would write to Moola Hoojen but of course he must have returned to his duty at Shiraz where his presence will be most necessary on account of the Pearl Fishery.

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Sultan bin Sagger — Bushire 23rd May 1828.

N.B. I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th April — Touching the people of Howait respecting whom I wrote you a letter in the and which I trust you have received — I have made a particular communication to the Shaikh of that place respecting what took place in the Euphrates in the meantime to show you that the people there are not without their grievances I send you the copy of a paper which reached me from the Howait Shaikh along with a letter of complaint of the evil acts committed upon



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upon their people— You say that nobody in these seas suffer but yourself, you forget the crimes of such men as Adowee and Bin Hammes and many others that I can and have named to those with whom they take shelter— I have often told you that the British Government does not interfere in any lawful and declared war however much it rejoices when the evils arising from it are put aside by an amicable adjustment of differences, since there is always danger of great misunderstandings arising when the confusion of war enables the ill disposed to prevail for a time. As all the Chiefs of this Gulf must now know that anything like a recurrence to plunder and piracy by the people of any side either in time of war or in time of peace would most assuredly render the interference of the British Government necessary, I entertain every hope that I shall daily hear less of grievances which certainly afflict me. —

I have been gratified to find that the affair of Bin Hammes is in a way of being adjusted and I trust that you will enforce the payment of the paper he is said to have granted for the balance due— you say that this was not done in the way of Plunder and Piracy I cannot give it any other name since the British Government will never recognise the right of an individual to retaliate in such a manner but treat the person as a pirate and punish him accordingly it recognises no war but that declared and avowed between Government against Government— And I moreover have to intimate that it looks to you to controul and be answerable for the actions of all your subjects and those whom you may permit habitually to frequent your places. —

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaik Rashid bin Khammud — Bushire 23rd May 1821.

A.C.

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th April— you would be right in believing that we are lovers of justice and that our regret is that this word should be so often uttered and so little understood— Touching the Thief Adowee I was aware that you had confined him for some time and that he was subsequently released I should rejoice at all men gaining honest bread for their families



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families it is against such as interrupt men in their lawful calling to do so that we lift our arm - In thinking of the families of Udaire it would have been well to think of the families of others which that wicked man has injured or may injure from being abroad - What you have forgotten it is my business to recollect I therefore again intimate to you that Udaire's evil acts are on your head and the heads of others protecting him. - You say much respecting the people of Howait who likewise say much respecting the oppressions committed on them - I enclose you a copy of a paper which has reached me from the Shaikh of that place and I beg to know what answer I can give to this in stating the grievances of which you complain - It is always well for subjects when chiefs instead of foolishly go to War come to an amicable adjustment of the misunderstanding that wicked men bring about. Both you and the people of Howait know the interest the British Government takes in such things coming to a happy termination nor is it necessary to report its firm determination to punish all piracies as well as those that may be committed against the peaceably inclined states during a lawful war or at any other time or under any other pretence whatsoever. -

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to the Shaikh of Brain - Bushire 23rd May 1822.
A.C. Two days ago I received a communication from Major Taylor enclosing a letter addressed by you to that gentleman and a statement of a man by name Salch who was the bearer of it. These papers related to a Boat which had been recovered by one of the British Vessels last year and is now at Bassalore where it has been kept for many months without having been claimed by its owner - The said Salch appearing to be so I have directed him to receive it. - I lately had occasion to intimate to you the complaint made by several chiefs in alliance with the British Government against some people belonging to Howait for having committed acts of Piracy against them and as I have



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have not yet been favored with any answer I have been unable to send any satisfactory reply to the complainants who as well as the whole world are aware of the determination of the British Government to put down all plunder and Piracy and not to permit the evil disposed of any Tribe or People whatsoever to interfere with those States who are neutral whether the people committing these acts be at war with others or not. -

I have learnt with great satisfaction from Major Taylor the friendly terms you have always been with the British Government and beg to assure you that I shall always have much pleasure in hearing of your wellfare. -

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Abdoolah bin Rashid the Shaikh of Amulgawine - Bushire 23rd May 1828. -

A.C. I am sorry to find that Amulgawine is becoming the resort of Pirates and Vagabonds - Two individuals by name Adet and Ali bin Sauid having committed certain crimes at Debag and being about to receive the necessary punishment fled from thence and were received by you and you have thereby rendered yourself responsible for their actions - It is proper that I should point out to you the consequences of harboring such ill disposed persons - The two above named persons accompanied by four other thieves whose names shall be written by and by attacked a boat belonging to Kulla and robbed it of its cargo they then proceeded to Abscoo the Shaikh of which place I have written and I trust he will be cautious hereafter how he admits into his port Boats coming under such circumstances - I have now to acquaint you that the British Government hold the different Shaiks strictly responsible for cases similar to the present for the acts not only of their own Tribes but of all whom they may permit to resort to their places - I have therefore to request that you will take the necessary steps for finding the thieves and



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and restoring the cargo or reimbursing the owners of it -
It will afford me great pleasure to hear from you of the
steps you have taken in this troublesome affair which
I have every hope of your settling in a satisfactory
manner. -

Memorandum of the Substance of a Letter from
Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Moo-
la Hopsen - Bushire 24th May 1828. -

Tell Moola Hopsen
That I have received his letters and cal-
culate upon his being at his post at this time - To keep his
eye on Khanness bin Hopsen and let me know the na-
ture of the promissary Note - That I have written to
the Shaikh of Amulgawine and he is to let me know
if he hears more of Adiel and Ali bin Saoud. Send the
names of the other four men - Ask if he could not get people
to correspond with him from the various places Abotka-
bee Amulgawine Delag Sea would not mind occasional-
ly sending a little money or a present to the writers. -

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the
Persian Gulf to Sultan Bin Sagger - Bushire 23rd May
1828. -

A.C.
My friend I have had the pleasure of
receiving your most agreeable letter of the 25th of April re-
specting my not having seen you the evening I landed
at Rasul Khymah I regretted much not having had
that pleasure and was consoled for the deprivation only
by feeling that it was occasioned by some good cause, what
better could there be than your being engaged in prayers
to the God of all - Continue to favour me with friendly and
pleasing communications which are so much to my taste.

Draft of a Note from Major D. Wilson Resident in the
Persian Gulf to Shaikh Abdooll Ruffool - Bushire
23rd March 1828. -

A.C.
In bringing to your Notice the
circumstances



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circumstance of a Topas named Antoine belonging to the H.C.C. Antoine having this morning deserted from his Vessel I have the honor to request you will have the goodness to issue orders for his being apprehended and delivered over to me. — This individual was seen in the Bazar early in the morning by the person who accompanies the Bearer of this note who is well acquainted with his Person. —

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Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to H.H. the Imam of Muscat — Bushire 4. June 1828. —

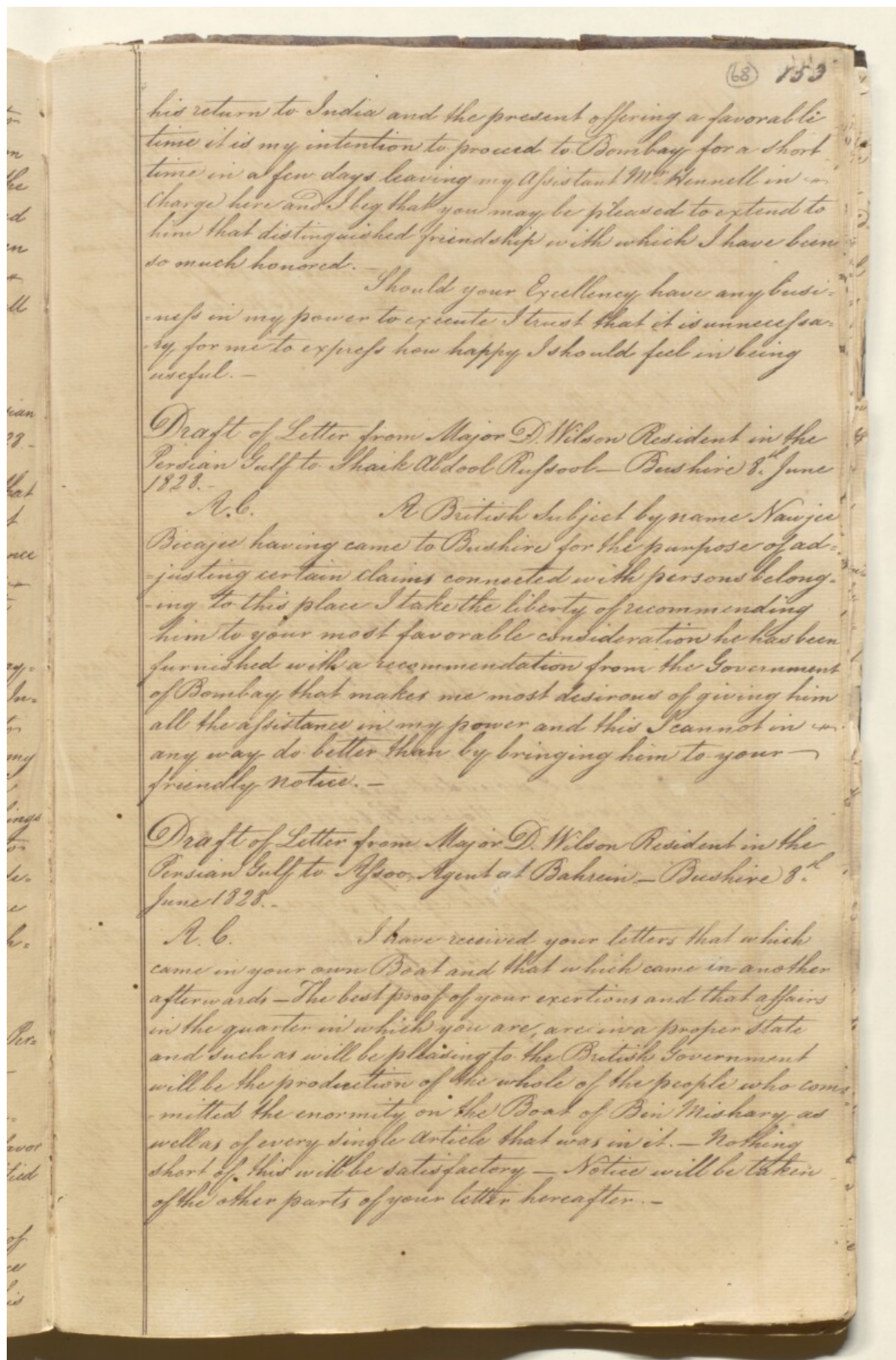
A.C. It was with the greatest satisfaction that I had the pleasure a few days ago of receiving your most friendly letter communicating the agreeable intelligence of your having succeeded in all your objects, and the happy news of your safe return. — On these fortunate events I beg to offer you my sincere congratulations. —

Not having yet had an opportunity of paying my respects to Sir John Malcolm since his return to India and the present offering a favorable time I mean to proceed to Bombay for short time in a few days leaving my assistant Mr. Russell in charge here I need not observe that he is equally desirous with myself to meet in all things your Highness's wishes — And I beg most particularly to recommend him to your Highness's kindness and consideration — At all times and in all places it will afford me great pleasure to execute any commissions your Highness may honor me with. —

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to the Wazir of Fars — Bushire 4. June 1828. —

A.C. As I have not received any very late accounts of your health and welfare I beg that you will favor me with a communication from which I may be gratified with agreeable intelligence. —

Not having yet had an opportunity of paying my respects in person to Sir John Malcolm since his



his return to India and the present offering a favorable
time it is my intention to proceed to Bombay for a short
time in a few days leaving my Assistant Mr. Kennell in
charge here and I beg that you may be pleased to extend to
him that distinguished friendship with which I have been
so much honored.

Should your Excellency have any busi-
ness in my power to execute I trust that it is unneces-
sary for me to express how happy I should feel in being
useful. -

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the
Persian Gulf to Shakh Abdool Ruzsool - Bushire 8. June
1828.

A.C. A British Subject by name Navjee
Bicajee having come to Bushire for the purpose of ad-
justing certain claims connected with persons belong-
ing to this place I take the liberty of recommending
him to your most favorable consideration he has been
furnished with a recommendation from the Government
of Bombay that makes me most desirous of giving him
all the assistance in my power and this I cannot in
any way do better than by bringing him to your
friendly notice. -

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the
Persian Gulf to Afsoo Agent at Bahrein - Bushire 8.
June 1828.

A.C. I have received your letters that which
came in your own Boat and that which came in another
afterwards - The best proof of your exertions and that affairs
in the quarter in which you are, are in a proper state
and such as will be pleasing to the British Government
will be the production of the whole of the people who come
mitted the enormity on the Boat of Ben Mishary as
well as of every single article that was in it. - Nothing
short of this will be satisfactory - Notice will be taken
of the other parts of your letter hereafter. -



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Draft of a circular Letter addressed by Lieut. S. Hennell Assistant and Acting Resident in the Pers. Gulf to Moollah Houssein Agent at Shargah, to Assoo Agent at Bahrain, to Moollah Saleh Agent at Shargah, to Mirza Ally Akbar Agent at Shiraz and to Goolal Agent at Muscat. — Bulshire 10th June 1828.

A. C. Major Wilson having this day embarked on his Excellency Shaik Abdool Rissool's Vessel the Rahmany for the purpose of proceeding to the Presidency to pay his respects to Sir John Malcolm the new Governor. — I have agreeably to the orders of Government assumed charge of the Office of Resident in the Persian Gulf during his absence — and I trust that you will by constant reports and a zealous discharge of the duties of your situation enable me to speak favorably of your alacrity and diligence on his return.

Additional Para. to Moollah Houssein's Letter

Moollah Saleh reports in one of his late communications that 2 Debye Boats had attacked and captured a Fishing Boat belonging to Reshm while peacefully pursuing their occupation at Night — that two of the crew were wounded and that the others were detained prisoners. — You will be pleased to inquire particularly into the truth of this report and if satisfied of its veracity to take steps to procure information of the description of the Boats in question together with the names of the Owners and crew — whatever intelligence you acquire respecting this affair must be communicated to Captain Malaghan — Keep me from time to time informed of the movements of Udwai and Bin Khumeed.

Additional Para. to Assoo's Letter.

It being desirable that the particulars of the removal of the Inhabitants of Badda by Shaik Abdool bin Ahmed should be reported to my Government — you will be pleased to ascertain whether the Fort there is to be destroyed or to remain garrisoned — also whether any other individual besides those composing the garrison is with

Draft of Letter from Lieut. H. S. Hennell Agent H. and Acting
Resident in the Persian Gulf to Mollah Saleh Agent at Linga
Bushire 10 June 1828.

Your expenditure on account of Coffins last year has been passed for this time by the Government but you are positively directed to send up an opportunity offers expences under the above head for each month respectively -

Draft of Letter from Lieut. S. Hennell, Asst. and Acting
Resident in the Persian Gulf to Sultan Ben Suggur. -
Bashire 11th June 1823. -

N.C. In acknowledging the receipt of your friendly letter dated 8th Feb^y and addressed to Major Wilson I beg to acquaint you that that Officer not having yet been honored by an interview with the most excellent Governor Major General Sir John Malcolm and by the Grace of God united with your friendly and valuable cooperation in the cause of humanity and good order at the present moment Peace and tranquillity are shedding their benign influence over the shores of this Gulf - it appeared to him a highly favorable time to visit the Presidency for the above purpose and



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and he has accordingly proceeded on board H. E. Shaikh Abdool
Rufsool Khan's Vessel the Rahmany and hopes that after
being gratified by a meeting with the Major General to speedily
return and find you in the enjoyment of such continued
health and prosperity as your most sincere well wisher could
desire.

In the meantime I have by the orders of Govt.
assumed temporary charge of the Office of the Resident in
the Persian Gulf during Major Wilson's absence and shall
derive equal gratification with him on receiving constant
accounts of your welfare and in exerting myself to accom-
plish your wishes.

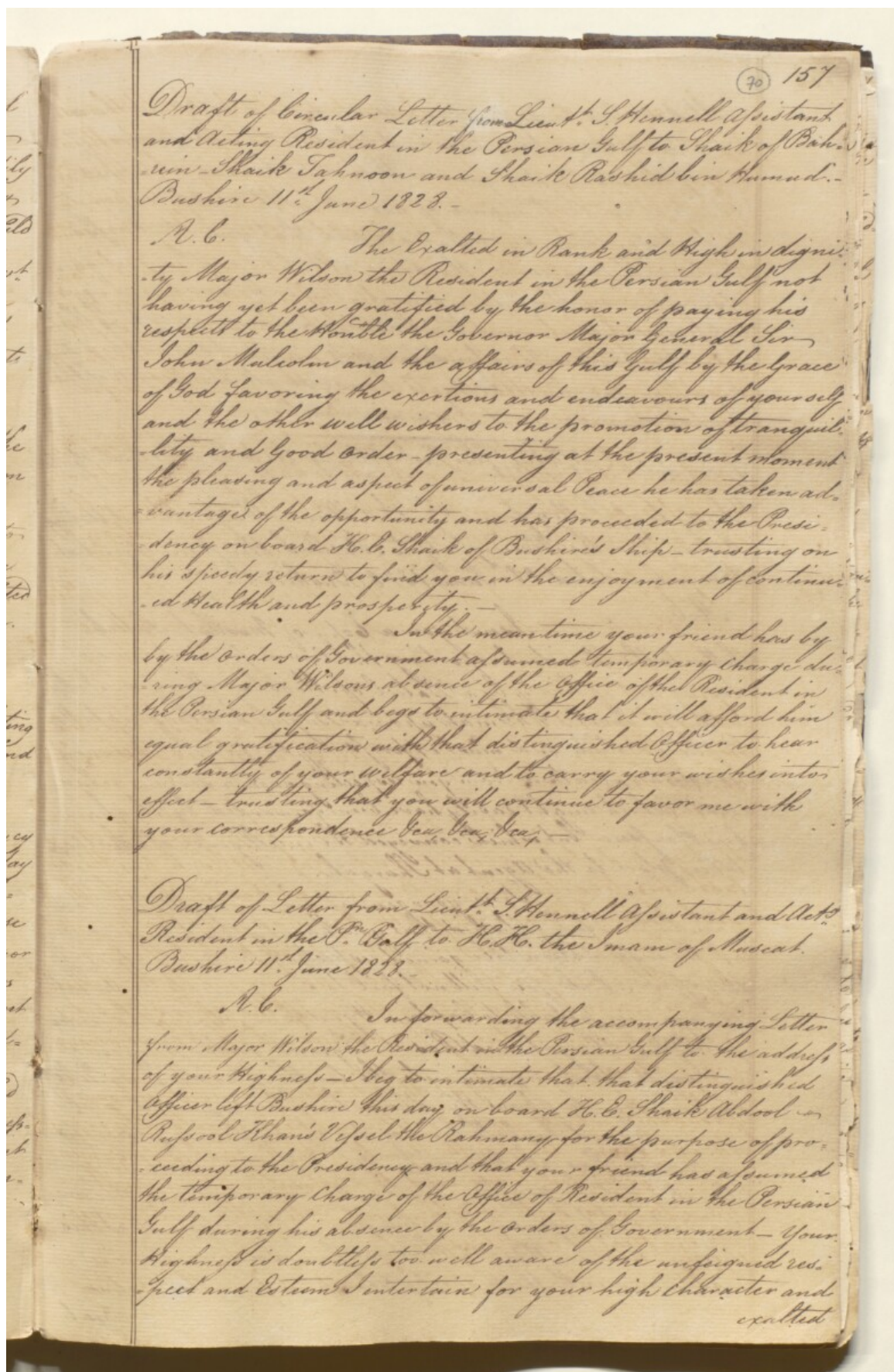
Respecting the subject of your letter viz. the
treatment you allege your Boats to have experienced from
the People of Howeh in the Bussorah River - You will
have perceived by Major Wilson's last communication to
you that he had written particularly to the Shaikh of Bahrain
on that point - the answer to this letter may be soon expected
when I shall have the pleasure of communicating it to you.
Continue to favor me Sir, I am,

Draft of Letter from Lieut. S. Hennell, Asst. and Acting
Resident in the Persian Gulf to H. E. the Wazir of Fars and
the Ell Khan.

A. C.

I have the honor to inform your Excellency
that your distinguished Friend Major Wilson has this day
taken his departure from Bushire on board Shaikh Ab-
dool Rufsool Khan's Ship the Rahmany for the purpose
of proceeding to the Presidency to pay his respects to the Governor
Major General Sir John Malcolm leaving me by the orders
of Government in temporary charge of the Office of Resident
in the Persian Gulf during his absence which I have accord-
ingly assumed.

I trust that the same consideration and
friendship which your Excellency has so constantly ex-
pressed and shown towards the Agents of the English Government
may be extended to me and that your Excellency will con-
tinue to honor with constant accounts of the continuance
of your Health and Prosperity.





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exalted station to render it necessary for me to repeat the as-
surances of the satisfaction and pleasure it will always afford
One of the warmest of your well wishers to hear constant ac-
counts of the continuance of your Health and prosperity
and it would be superfluous to add that your Highness's
wishes will ever receive the same attention and considera-
tion from me that your friend Major Wilson has always
experienced such gratification in showing. — Trusting that
your Highness will extend towards me that friendship and
kindness you have hitherto honoured all the Agents of the
English Government I remain Sir, Dear, —

*Vide Public Letter Book of 1828 Page 201 for the Letter to H. H. the
Imam dated 26th June 1828.*

Draft of Letter from Lieut. S. Hennell Assist. and Acting
Resident in the Persian Gulf to Moollah Houssein Agent at
Shargah — dated 28th June 1828 Bushire. —

A. C.

I send you a copy of Moollah Sallik's
Letter to the Resident reporting the commission of a very
daring act of Piracy by a Bateel of Mooslim Soory an Inha-
bitant of Ras-el- Khymah upon a Bugulak belonging to the
People of Batina and must express my surprise at receiving
no communication from you respecting such a serious occur-
rence which might easily have been forwarded by Abraham
bin Houssein but which conveyed the intelligence of what had
taken place to the Agent at Shargah. —

From your general zeal and attention to
your duties I feel satisfied that you have by this time acquired
all the information to be gained respecting the particulars of
this affair which you will not fail to communicate in the full-
est manner possible to Captain Wyndham whom I have des-
patched to Shargah and Ras-el- Khymah for the purpose of
making a strict inquiry into the truth of Moollah Sallik's
statement. — Captain Wyndham has been requested to take
you on board his Vessel in order that you may accompan-
y him to Ras-el- Khymah. The points to which you are
directed to turn your particular attention on them — Where
the Bateel belonging to Mooslim Soory is to be found at this
present time — Whether the crew have sold or otherwise
made away with the property plundered from the Batina
Boat



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Boat and if is where it has been disposed of? The names
and tribes of the individuals composing the crew of the
Bateel. - The fact of Moosshin being an Inhabitant of Ras-
el Khymah. - The exact amount of the property plundered
and the most correct information respecting the circum-
stances reported by the Agent at Linga of the men of the
Batina Bugarah having been put to death. - I do not of
course mean you to confine your inquiries solely to
these points as it is of importance that the most minute
circumstances connected with this unfortunate occur-
-rence should be reported in order to enable a just and
decided opinion to be taken on the subject without the
necessity of further reference. -

Draft of Letter from Lieut. S. Hennell Assist. and Acting
Resident in the Persian Gulf to Moollah Galleh Agent at
Linga - Bushire 28th June 1828. -

A. C. I have to acknowledge the receipt of your
letter dated the 11th Zil-Hajj the contents of which giving the
particulars of the Piracy alleged to have been committed on
a Batina Bugarah caused me much sorrow and concern. -

It is to be regretted that you had no time
to communicate any further particulars by the vessel in
which brought up your report but of course you lost no
time in either going over to Paspadore yourself or writing
to Captain Maughan fully upon the subject. -

As the Senior Officer will probably des-
patch a vessel for Bushire you will avail yourself of
that opportunity to send me the names of the crew of the
Bateel and all the information you have lately acquired
respecting them. -

Vide Public Letter Book of 1828 Page 152 for the
Letter to Soltan bin Suggur dated 28th June 1828. -

Draft of Letter from Lieut. S. Hennell Assist. and Acting
Resident in the Persian Gulf to Meerza Ally Akbar Agent at
Shiraz - Bushire 2nd July 1828

A. C.

Your letter dated the 11th Zil-Hajj has been
received



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received - Notwithstanding all the Envoy's exertions as well as
my own for the bosphorus to proceed the whole way to Tabreez
something or other always happens either at Shiraz or Isfa-
han to prevent it - With respect to the Envoy's not paying
the draft in favor of Mahomed the reason was briefly
this that you gave him an order for 6 Tomans instead
of four which was all he was entitled to. you having
as you informed me in a former letter compelled Housien Ally
bosphorus to refund two out of the four Tomans advanced him at
Bushire - The sum therefore now due to Mahomed is 3 To-
mans (the Envoy having advanced him one at Tabriz) which
you will be pleased to pay and charge as usual - You will
also have the goodness to procure a Rukun from the Wazir
for Abdulla Beg a testimony of the Envoy's who is returning to
Tabriz with Dockets. -

Draft of Note from Lieut. S. Hennell Assistant and Acting
Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaik Abdool Rasool -
Bushire 6. July 1828. -

A. C. I have just been informed that a person
calling himself a Mahosil belonging to your Establishment
has beaten Abraham the Residency Throff in a very severe
manner - As this Individual is attached to the service of
the English Government I feel perfectly satisfied that the
person behaving in this improper manner has been acting
without your orders or authority as doubtless had there
been any claims against the Throff I should have been ac-
quainted with the circumstance before any proceedings
had been adopted against him and as it is contrary to all for-
mer rule and custom that any Individual connected with the
Residency should be punished without the Resident's know-
ledge I feel fully satisfied that you will correct the Mahosil
for his conduct. -

Draft of Note from Lieut. S. Hennell Assistant and
Acting Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaik Abdool Rasool
Bushire 15. July 1828. -

A. C. With reference to a note addressed to your
Excellency by Major Wilson just before his departure
recommending



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recommending the affair of Franje the Parsie to your kindness
and consideration as one in which the English Government had
interested itself. - I trust you will excuse the liberty I take
of reminding you that this Individual has now been upwards
of a month at Bushire and as yet there does not appear that any
steps had been taken towards the adjustment of his claims
upon Aga Houssein. - As it will be necessary for me to acquaint
the Authorities in India with the progress made in arrang-
ing this affair - I am very desirous of knowing what measures
have been adopted to effect so amicable an object. - I am the
more emboldened to make this request from the circumstance
of your Excellency having so kindly promised to take the
case of the claimant under your own particular charge this
goodness combined with your well known love of justice
makes me feel certain that his claim will be speedily brought
to a favorable termination. -

Vide Public Letter Book of 1828 Page 206 for the
Letter to Shaikh Joobarah Chief of Congoon dated 26th July 1828.

Vide Public Letter Book of 1828 Page 197 for the Letter
to Shaikh Soottan bin Saggur - dated 28th July 1828. -

Vide Public Letter Book of 1828 Page 208 for the Letter
to Shaikh Mahomed bin Gurgueb Chief of Linga - dated 28th July
1828. -

Draft of Letter from Lieut. S. Hennell Assist. and Acting
Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaikh Rasheed bin Humud -
Bushire 8th August 1828. -

A. C.

Some time ago your Friend Major Wilson
wrote to you to say that he had made an application to
the Shaikh of Howait on the subject of your alleged claims
against him. - The answer to this communication has been
received from which it appears that the occurrence which
you complain of took place some time previous to the ge-
neral Treaty being entered into at a time when you and
the Chieftain above alluded to were at war. independently
of these circumstances the particulars of the affair differ very
widely



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widely from yours as it appears that one of your Bateels seized
a Vessel belonging to Grain and put all the crew to death but is,
being pursued by an English Vessel took refuge in Bahrain -
On leaving that port she was met by a Hawat Fleet and Cap-
tured losing some of her men in the course of the action
Shaikh Abdolla bin Ahmed however having interceded the
Bateel was subsequently restored to you. - The occurrence
as thus related appears to have been the notorious consequence
of a state of war, very different from the action of Udwee who
without any declaration of hostilities from you which by the
Treaty you were bound to make to the Resident attacked
and plundered a Hawat Pearl Boat besides murdering
two of her men at a time of profound peace and tranquil-
lity no less than eight years after the affair of which you
complain had taken place. - You will therefore much oblige
me by taking an early opportunity of letting me know
what you have to say in reply to the above statement from
the Shaikh of Hawat. -

Draft of Note from Lieut. S. Hennell Assist. and Acting
Resident in the P. Gulf to Shaikh Abdool Ruzsool - Bushire
10th August 1828.

A. C. Your letter has been received with respect
to the Agreement of two Months which you state that the Parsee
engaged for last night in the presence of M. Arra Moou he
completely denies having done any thing of the kind - nor does
it appear likely that depending upon the promise Aga Houssain
gave him that he was ready to go by this Vessel after he had
made all his arrangements that he would overturn them all at
once. I can only say that I am much surprised at Aga Houssain's
conduct - The Parsee has been here three months depending upon
the promise made him that is Aga Houssain's account were in
Bombay he should proceed there to settle them - I have nothing
farther to say than I regret that this business does not seem
likely to come to any conclusion and I am sorry that I
shall be obliged to write to that effect to the Government
of Bombay. -

Vide Public Letter Book of 1828 Page 220 for the Letter
to Shaikh Abdolla bin Ahmed - Dated 24th August 1828. -



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Vide Page 171 for the Letter to Shaik Tahnoon dated 29th Aug^r 1828.

Draft of Letter from Lieut^t S. Hennell Assist^t and Acting Resident in the Gulf to Assoo Agent at Bahrain - Bushire 29th August 1828. -

N^o 6.

I have received your letter reporting the capture of a Howait Batel and three Bahrain Boats by a Muchwa and Bagarah manned with crews of the Bunyas and Monasir Tribes - This occurrence has given me much concern and I lose no time in sending over the Cruiser Nautilus to take the most active steps to seize the Pirates and recover the Boats and property. - You will of course afford Captain Richardson all the information in your possession and you must if possible procure a man who is acquainted with the pirate Boats and the captured vessels to proceed on board the Nautilus in order to point them out to Captain Richardson - This persons expenses will be defrayed by Government you will not fail to let me know by the very earliest opportunity what further information you have acquired and will at the same time forward any despatches from the Commanders of the Nautilus or blive that may be entrusted to you for that purpose - There is a strong report here that these aggressions against the tranquillity of the Gulf have been perpetrated by Houssain bin Jassim and Obid bin Mohunah and that no Boats whatever belonging to Bahrain have been taken - if you were aware of this circumstance and not reported you are in fault. - You will therefore transmit correct intelligence upon this point without delay. - If the Bunyas Tribe is concerned in the affair it will probably be necessary for the Nautilus to proceed to Abaohabes in such case you will be pleased to furnish Captain Richardson with a letter to Lamoo the Banian there to whom you will hint that any information he may be able to afford respecting this infamous action will be remembered in his favor - Enclosed is a letter to Shaik Abdoolah bin Ahmed on the subject of this communication - You must exhort him to afford every help and assistance to the Government vessel to effect the capture of the pirates and restitution of the plundered property - I have recommended you to Shaik Abdoolah's protection and will send you over an English flag if such an article is procurable. -

Vide Public Letter Book of 1828 Page 230 for the Letter to Shaik Abdoolah bin Ahmed - dated 30th August 1828. -



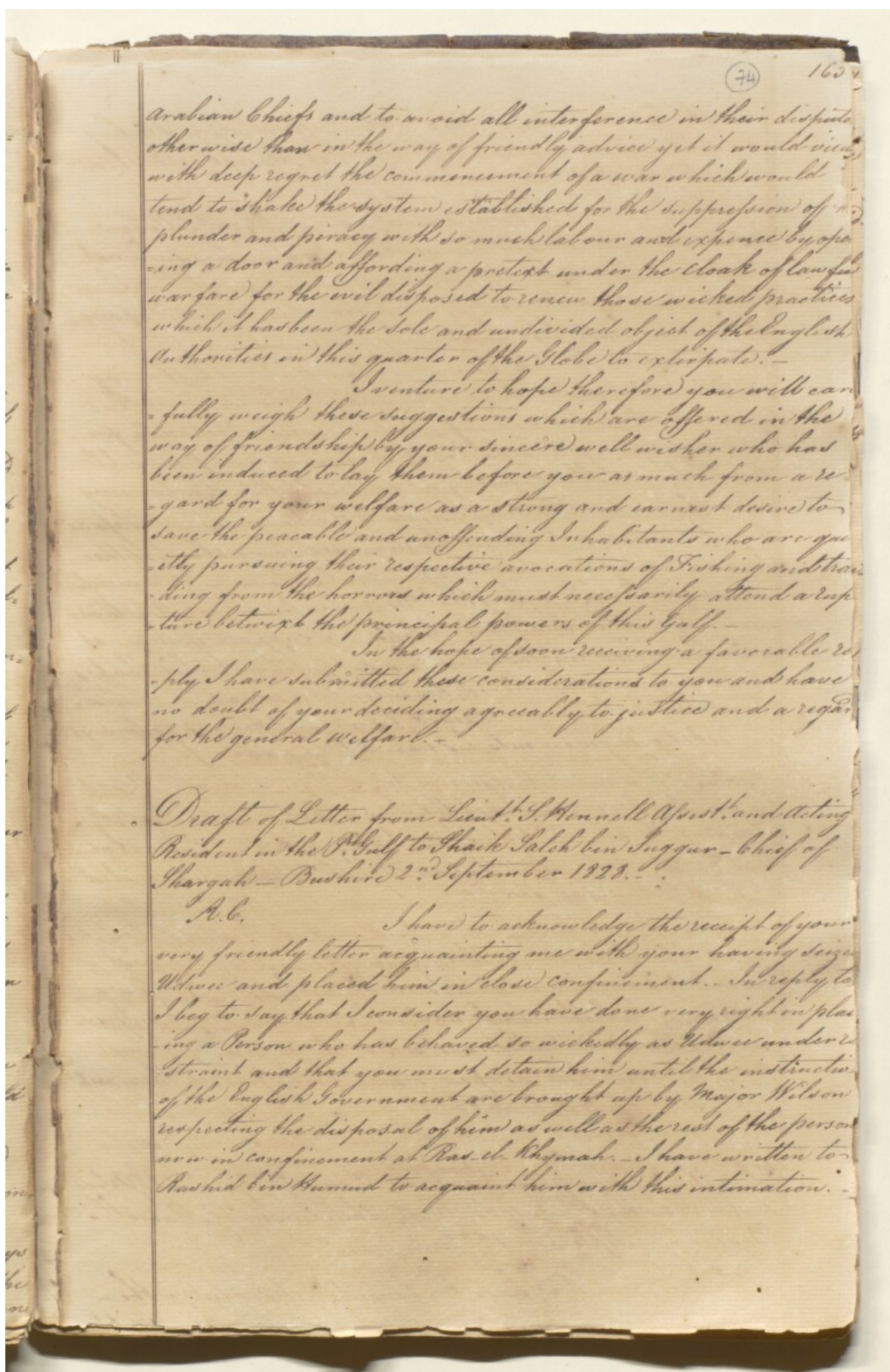
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Draft of Letter from Lieut. S. Hennell Assist. and Acting Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaikh Tanoon Chief of Aboothabee - Bushire 30. August 1829.

A.C. I have just received a letter from Shaikh Abdolla bin Ahmed Chief of Bahrein acquainting me he had received information that you were making preparations and assembling Troops for the purpose of joining in an attack upon his territories -

This report has caused me deep and grave concern but I am unwilling to believe it can be correct because I do not conceive it probable that a Chief who bears so high a name for his high sense of honor and adherence to his Treaties and engagements as you do would break through those relations of amity and friendship which have so long subsisted with the Shaikh of Bahrein and which have been so materially advantageous to both parties without having even the shadow of a complaint against Shaikh Abdolla who appears hitherto to have religiously observed them. - I am the more confirmed in this supposition from the circumstance of your never having given me the slightest reason to believe you were inimicably disposed towards that Chief and as you are well aware of the 'established custom in this Gulf' of communicating all intentions of adopting hostile proceedings against any State to the Resident previously to carrying them into execution I trust that my hope of your not being unfriendly disposed towards the Utroobis Shaikh is well founded. - Should I however unhappily be mistaken in this supposition I would take the liberty induced by the hearty and sincere friendship I bear towards you to entreat you to pause and consider well before you embark in an enterprise which must involve you in continued and irreconcilable Hostilities with a Tribe so powerful as the Utroobes. Success does not always attend the strongest and you ought to reflect upon the situation you will be placed in should the enterprise as is not unlikely fail - Besides other States and powers must necessarily be drawn into the contest and thus the whole Gulf will become one dreadful scene of misery confusion and Bloodshed. -

Altho' the British Government has always made it a fixed principle to respect the independence of the Arabians



Arabian Chiefs and to avoid all interference in their disputes otherwise than in the way of friendly advice yet it would indeed with deep regret the commencement of a war which would tend to shake the system established for the suppression of plunder and piracy with so much labour and expense by opening a door and affording a pretext under the cloak of lawful warfare for the evil disposed to renew those wicked practices which it has been the sole and undivided object of the English authorities in this quarter of the Globe to exterminate. -

I venture to hope therefore you will carefully weigh these suggestions which are offered in the way of friendship by your sincere well wisher who has been induced to lay them before you as much from a regard for your welfare as a strong and earnest desire to save the peaceable and unoffending Inhabitants who are quietly pursuing their respective avocations of Fishing and trading from the horrors which must necessarily attend a rupture betwixt the principal powers of this Gulf. -

In the hope of soon receiving a favorable reply I have submitted these considerations to you and have no doubt of your deciding agreeably to justice and a regard for the general welfare. -

Draft of Letter from Lieut. S. Hennell Assist. and Acting Resident in the P. Gulf to Shaikh Saleh bin Sagger - Chief of Thargah - Bushire 2nd September 1828. -

A.C.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your very friendly letter acquainting me with your having seized Udwee and placed him in close confinement. In reply to I beg to say that I consider you have done very right in placing a Person who has behaved so wickedly as Udwee under restraint and that you must detain him until the instructions of the English Government are brought up by Major Wilson respecting the disposal of him as well as the rest of the persons now in confinement at Ras el Khymah. I have written to Rashid bin Humud to acquaint him with this intimation. -



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Draft of a Letter from Lieut. S. Hennell Assist. and Acting Resident in the P^{ers} Gulf to Goolab, Agent at Muscat - Bushire 2nd September 1828.

A.C.

I have received your different letter on the subject of H. H. the Imam's hostile preparations against Bahrein. - This report has given me great concern and I should have had the honor of addressing His Highness upon the subject had I been favored by any communication from him. - I am surprised however if you knew of his having written to the Government of Bombay by the Benares that you did not send me up information by the Norbudda for depending upon your report of H. H. having sent present to the Bahrein Shaik accompanied by a letter disclaiming all unfriendly intentions I wrote to the Government to assure them there was no truth in the rumours going about of the Imam having any designs upon that Island. - You mention in one of your late reports that His Highness had written to me enclosing a letter for Shaik Abdolla. - I suppose you must either have been mistaken in this supposition or else that H. H. subsequently altered his intention as no communication of the Sort has been received by me and the Nakoda says no Packet was given into his hand to my address. -

With reference to what you state of Sultan bin Suggers having informed the Imam that he had intended inflicting the merited punishment upon the crews of Muslin bin Rasheed's Bateel but that an English Vessel which touched at Ras el Khymah forbade his doing so. - Beg you will acquaint the Imam that if the Joannee Shaik made such an assertion it is entirely untrue and without foundation. - When the first Government Vessel visited Ras el Khymah after the piracy was committed the Shaik had not sent his Bugla in pursuit of the perpetrators and when the next Ship came six of the crew had escaped which fully proves the want of truth in his Statement. -

Draft of Letter from Lieut. S. Hennell Assistant & Acting Resident in the P^{ers} Gulf to H. H. the Imam of Muscat. - Bushire 2nd September 1828.

A.C.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt



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receipt of your Highness's letter on the subject of the piracy committed on the Sohar Boat by a Bateel from Ras-el-Khymah and take advantage of the present opportunity to explain to your Highness that I only delayed replying to it until I could receive information of the results of the measures I had adopted. I was on first learning the melancholy intelligence but the consideration of the punishment of Mooslim bin Rashid, the imprisonment of the crew and restoration of the plundered property together with the pirate Bateel in the lee of the Boat destroyed will I hope prove to your Highness the zeal and anxiety which the English Authorities in this Gulf have displayed in taking the most immediate and active measures to punish the offenders and procure restitution of the cargo seized in so infamous and wicked a manner. Trusting that your Highness will continue to honor Sea, Sea.

Draft of Letter from Lieut. S. Hennell Assist. and Acting Resident in the P. Gulf to Shark Gooltan bin Suggur Chief of Ras-el-Khymah. - Bushire 2nd September 1828. -

A.C. By a letter which I have lately received from Muscat I have been given to understand that you wrote to the Imam of that place that it was originally your intention to have inflicted upon the crew of Mooslim bin Rashid's Bateel the punishment their crime deserved, but that an English Vessel came in to Ras-el-Khymah and forbad you doing so. - I think this report must be a mistake as you could hardly assert what you must have known to have been incorrect. - The first English Vessel that touched at your Port after Mooslim bin Rashid had committed the piracy was the Benares and at that time you had not sent your Dugla away. - The next Vessel that came was the Nautilus and previously to her arrival you had allowed 6 of the prisoners to escape. - so that the assertion that any English Vessel interfered to prevent the criminals receiving the reward of their evil conduct is completely and entirely without foundation. - As I think it very probable the purport of your letter has been understood I beg you will take an early opportunity of correcting the mistake. -



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Draft of Letter from Lieut. S. Hennell Assist. & Acting Resident in the P. Gulf to Rashid bin Humud Chief of Eyman Bushire 2nd September 1828.

A. C. I beg to inform you that I have written to Shaik Saleh bin Sagger to inform him that he has done right in putting Udwee into confinement and that he must remain so until the orders of the Government respecting him are brought up by Major Wilson.

Vide Public Letter Book of 1828 Page 242 for the Letter to Shaik Abdolla bin Ahmed - dated 7th September 1828.

Vide Public Letter Book of 1828 Page 243 for the Letter to H. H. the Imam of Muscat - dated 7th Septem. 1828.

Draft of Note from Lieut. S. Hennell Assist. and Acting Resident in the P. Gulf to Shaik Abdool Ruffool Governor of Bushire - Bushire 10th September 1828.

A. C. Being informed that all the arrangements have been made for the passage to Bombay of Aga Hofsain I did myself the pleasure to send Aga Hofsain with Franjic to wait on you this morning to take his leave and request you to permit Aga Hofsain to proceed on board. It is however with much regret that I learn you were too unwell to receive them and though under such circumstances it grieves me to give you so much trouble yet as you know that the Cruiser cannot be delayed I hope you will excuse my requesting that you will be good enough to issue the necessary permission for Aga Hofsain to embark. I have already written to the English Government to acquaint them with the willingness you have shown in this affair to assist me of this subjects.

Draft of Note from Lieut. S. Hennell Assist. & Acting Resident in the P. Gulf to Shaik Abdool Ruffool Governor of Bushire - Bushire 11th September 1828.

A. C. I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your friendly



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friendly Note which was delivered to me by your Mirza - With
respect the agreement mentioned in your former communication
as having been made by Framjee, it certainly appears from the
evidence of Moollah Farredoon that some thing of the kind
had taken place but I am inclined to believe it a mutual
mistake in consequence of Framjee being totally unacquaint-
ed with the Persian language and having no proper inter-
preter - At the time Major Wilson left Bushire he did so
with the utmost confidence and reliance upon your pro-
mises of assistance and support to obtain for Framjee
the settlement of his just claims and was fully satisfied
that the amount of his debt would have been recovered from
Aga Hopsain in a short time. - He will not however be a little
astonished on his return after so long an absence to find that
not a single thing has been done in the business and that the
affair stands just in the same position as when he left except
that a week after his departure Aga Hopsain knowing that he
could not dispute the validity of Framjees claims asserted
that he had no accounts in Bushire and that he was ready
to go down to Bombay to settle them there. My own persua-
sion has always been that Aga Hopsain could have made an
arrangement with Framjee here had he been disposed to ren-
der to others their rights and that his offer to proceed to India
as has been proved in the present instance was a mere pretext
to give time - And I feel convinced that similar excuses will
always be made - Under these circumstances the present oppor-
tunity of Aga Hopsain fulfilling his promise having passed
away - I rely confidently that if he does not satisfy Framjee
before the sailing of the next vessel that he will be prepared
to accompany him to India in order to adjust and settle
their affairs there. +

Draft of Letter from Lieut. S. Hennell Assist. and Acting
Resident in the P. Gulf to Mahomed Ismail Chief of Juhra
Dushty - Bushire 15th September 1838.

N.C. I have just received information that a
Boat manned with a number of armed men of the Moa-
sir Tribe anchored off your port of the Coast a few days ago
under very suspicious circumstances and that a party
from



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from her landed. It appears that they quarrelled with some of
the Inhabitants and the consequence was that one of them was
taken and the rest went off. As I have strong reason for believ-
ing that this is the Boat which has lately been committing
Piracies on the opposite coast I hope you will be good enough
to send the Prisoner into Bushire in order to be examined on
with as little delay as possible and if you have any persons
who can give information as to where the above Bugarah
came from - for what purpose - whether she had anything
for sale - the number of men where she is gone to sea. I will
pay the necessary expences if any one you may consider
sufficiently acquainted with these several points to send in.

Draft of Letter from Lieut. S. Hennell, Asst. & Acting
Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaikh Tahnoon, Chief of
Absoothabee - Bushire 18. October 1822.

A. C. I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter
dated the 17. Rabe-ul-Uwall and was gratified by the ac-
count of the continuance of your good health. With respect
to what you mention that the men who seized the Howel Ba-
teel are subjects of Shaikh Abdoolah bin Ahmed and residing
at Bedda I beg to intimate that cannot be the case as Bedda
has been destroyed nearly a year and all its Inhabitants
have been distributed in Raevies and zoibarch. The Persons
I am now alluding to might probably have left your protection
some time before but I have reason to believe that they all re-
turned to Absoothabee along with Sovidan bin Zal and Siyf
bin Shykhah and that the principal men among them left
your Capital in the first instance for the purpose as they
said of Pearl Fishing. Besides if these People had belonged
to Shaikh Abdoolah they would have returned to Sutter in-
stead of taking a refuge in your Territories. I have now
to point out to you another gross act of violence and robbery
committed in Ser Benia upon four Boats belonging to
Apseloor which touched there for water and the crews of which
being friends and allies of yours of course conceived that
their persons and property would be in safety in your
territories. It appears however that they were not only
severely beaten but their pearls and every thing they possessed
taken



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taken from them: allow me now as a sincere friend and one
who is most anxious no circumstances should take place to
lessen the high and deserved opinion entertained of you
by the British Government to point out the unfortunate
appearance these things will present. - A considerable
time has elapsed without any complaint having been brought
against your subjects and I regret exceedingly that a desper-
ate and lawless set of men should by their evil conduct
be the means of injuring your honorable and excellent
character. - Feet Bungas and Khyroun Sullay are all in
your territories and as the Monasir Tribe is now subject
to your authority you would I am sure find very little
difficulty in apprehending the villains who by their wicked
actions are endeavouring to sow dissension between
friends. - You must be aware of the inference that will
be naturally drawn if your territories are made the refuge
and lurking place of such notorious wretches and thus you
will I doubt not perceive how necessary it is that you should
apprehend them in order that their deserved punishment
may deter others from thus attempting to injure your good
name. - I am glad to hear you have promised to restore
to the Apseer men the things taken from them - and I hope
soon to be informed that you have carried this laudable
resolution into effect and that all the individuals who are
enumerated in the enclosed list are in safe custody. +

Vide Public Letter Book of 1828 Page 256 for the Letter
to Shaikh Tanoon - dated 29th August 1828. -

Draft of Letter from Lieut. S. Hennell Assist. and Acting
Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaikh Syf, Acting Chief of Congoon
Bushire 18th October 1828. -

A.C.
I have this instant learnt by a gossip sent by
Mr. Rich to my great astonishment that the Bugla he was an board
of was taken by a large body of your men under Shaikh Subaraki
son and brought in to Congoon. - I understand where you are now
detaining her. - As you must be aware that this Bugla belongs to
Apseer who is an English Agent and that she was conveying an
English Gentleman connected with the Bushire Residency I con-
sider it my duty to inform you that I consider your conduct
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in detaining the Vessel in question as unfriendly and irregular I beg therefore that you will send me an explanation of these circumstances as it will be most probably necessary to bring such behaviour to the Notice of H. R. H. the Firman Firman. Should I hear that Apsoos Bagla is still detained in Congoon I shall be obliged to send one of the Cruizers for the purpose of procuring her liberation. -

Instructions to the two Cofids stationed at Apaloo

- 1st Two men to go to Apaloo - and for the present to be paid 20 Herons a month if they behave well. -
- 2nd When a packet comes either from Bushire or Baspadore one of them is immediately to start with it and convey it to either place in four days, if above four days he is to have two Herons deducted for every day from his monthly Pay. -
- 3rd When one Cofid leaves Apaloo either for Bushire or Linga the other to be particularly vigilant that it may be known where he is. -
- 4th Whenever a Cofid has delivered a packet at Linga he is to return immediately to his Station at Apaloo as soon as possible without waiting for any answer. -

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Pers.
Gulf to Isoltan Bin Sagger - Bushire 6th November 1828. -

A. C.

M^r Hennell has informed me respecting the pirates whom you have in confinement for having murdered the crew of the Sahar Boat and plundered and sunk it. I beg to acquaint you that as this outrage was committed against the subjects of His Highness's Said Said I consider him to be the proper person to whom these prisoners should be delivered as well as the fullest compensation for loss of life and property made from ^{this} shameful occurrence. -

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Pers.
Gulf to Moolah Hossen, Agent at Shargah - Bushire 7th November 1828. -

A. C.

I take the present opportunity of the H. C. C. Amherst touching at Shargah to acquaint you with my



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my return to the Persian Gulf - and at the same time to in-
-formate to you that I am satisfied with the report made to me
by Mr. Hennell of your general assiduity and attention to the
duties of your situation.
2nd I have not to direct that in future you con-
-sider it a standing rule that copies of all communications you
may receive from any Individual whatever in this Gulf together
with transcripts of your replies thereto be transmitted by every
opportunity for my information. -
3rd Whenever you have any news of impor-
-tance to give to the Captains of Ships you must put the Com-
-munication in writing and send an exact copy of it to me
by the first opportunity. -
4th Enclosed is a letter to the address of
Shaik Tahnoon of Abokhabee which you will forward as early
as possible. -
5th You will not fail to continue the strict
-test inquiries respecting the Pirates concerned in the plunder
of the Howat Bateel as well as those who attacked the Aspec-
-too Pearl Boats or Jeer Bennyas and as it is very desirable
that the actual place of residence of these Individuals prior to
the commission of the acts above alluded to should be correct-
ly ascertained your exertions must be specially directed
towards this important object. -
6th In your former letter you mention
that Shaik Tahnoon had promised the owners of the Aspec-
-too Boat full and indemnification for the losses they had sustain-
ed upon Jeer Bennyas - as I desirous of knowing whether
this promise has been fulfilled you will mention this point
in your next communication. -
7th You will be pleased to forward by the
Amherst and every other opportunity a full report upon
the state of affairs at the lower end of the Gulf.

The substance of the 3rd first Paragraph of the above
letter to Moollah Hossen dated 7th November 1828 sent to
the Agents at Linga and Bahrain. -



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Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Pers.
Gulf to His Highness The Imam of Muscat - Bushire 13.
November 1828.

A.C. I trust that this will find your High-
ness in good health. - I have the honor to acquaint your
Highness with my return to this place from Bombay after a
fortunate Voyage - I did myself the pleasure of calling at
Muscat on my way back to pay my respects to your Highness
and to convey the compliments and regards of the Honble
the Governor. I need not say that I was much disappoint-
ed at not having the gratification of once more meeting
your Highness but I was received with the cordiality of a
friend by Syed. Mahomed bin Salim - Continue to honor
me with your correspondence and accounts of your wel-
fare and prosperity and if you enquire after me I
am thank God in perfect health. -

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the
Persian Gulf to H. H. Timor Mirza Prince of Bagroon, and
son of H. R. H. The Prince of Shiraz - Bushire 24. Novem.
1828.

A.C. Since it has come to my knowledge
that your Highness was arrived in this place I have en-
tertained every hope that the severe sufferings and losses
sustained during late occurrences by those connected with the
British Government, will forthwith be examined into the
most complete restitution made, or the fullest compensation
given - This is required as much from your Highness's sense of
Justice as from the long confirmed friendship and the positive
treaties existing between the British Government and His Maje-
sty the Shah of Persia. -

The people who have now suffered such
severe evils were residing here in the fullest confidence in
the protection of the Government of the Country they were
pursuing their peaceable avocations in an old commercial
city the constant resort of British Ships and British
subjects and full of British property - as the British Re-
sident at this place I feel it impossible for me actually
to witness such things without representing them to you
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in the strongest manner that language will express and so-
lemnly protesting to you as the son of His Royal Highness the
Prince of Shiraz against all such proceedings in which per-
sons connected with the British Government are the unoffend-
ing sufferers. -

I shall with the utmost speed and with
all the accuracy possible submit to your Highness the claims
of individuals for adjustment. -

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian
Gulf to H. H. Timor Mirza, Prince of Cazroon, and son of H. R. H.
The Prince of Shiraz - Bushire 24th November 1828. -

A. C. I beg to bring to your Highness's notice
the very respectable. Nawab Zoolfeer Dowlah Khodul ul
Mull Hajee Syad Mahomed Hoossein Khan Bahadar Husein
-hur Jung Roostoom Dowlah. who has been most strongly
recommended to me by the Honorable the Governor of Bom-
bay by whose desire he came to this place in a Government
Vessel on a pilgrimage to Kerbellah - This person has un-
-fortunately been plundered of property to the amount of 6000
Rupees. -

In consequence of his very strong recommen-
dations I beg to request that your Highness will take the necessary
steps to recover this very respectable persons property. -

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian
Gulf to H. H. Timor Mirza, Prince of Cazroon, and son of H. R. H. The
Prince of Shiraz - Bushire 25th November 1828. -

A. C. I have the honor to enclose for the information
of your Highness the accompanying List of the Names of the Servants
belonging immediately to this Residency, who have been plundered
of their property the description and quality of which is likewise
mentioned in the List - As these persons are in every way entitled
to all the protection of the Servants of the British Government resid-
ing in the Territories of His Majesty the Shah of Persia according
to long established friendship and treaties I beg most strongly to
solicit your Highness's interference that justice may be rendered to
these persons by a full restitution of their property. -



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Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaikh Abdool Russool - Bushire 6th December 1828.

A.C.

I have had the pleasure to receive your letter of the 3rd Instant and I beg to assure you that I had the greatest satisfaction in learning that you were safe and well.

I need not observe how much afflicted I have been at the great misfortune which has fallen upon Bushire and how deeply I sympathize in all the sufferings that it has occasioned, they were indeed unlooked for, but I trust in God's bounty, that all those who have innocently suffered may receive whatever compensation human means can give. I fear however that some time will be required fully to investigate and render justice in affairs of such magnitude and I am constrained for the present to moderate my expectations until the intentions of the Firman Firmans His Majesty the Shah shall be made apparent.

It did not fail to give me great satisfaction when I learnt that those who belong to you were in a place of perfect safety that your situation at Kharrack and on the sea is not comfortable I can easily conceive but I trust that ere long better accounts may reach me and that affairs will once more assume that settled and peaceable state in which all good men delight and which alone could give satisfaction to the British Government.

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to the Commander of the Vessels in the Offing - Bushire 13th December 1828.

A.C.

To prevent misunderstanding I think it necessary to acquaint you with my confident expectation that all Vessels under the English Flag coming from any quarter and all Vessels connected with English persons, or property, shall be permitted to come and go in the transaction of their peaceable affairs without any let, molestation or hinderance - You will I doubt not see the absolute necessity of giving the strictest orders to all your people on this head, that no accidents may arise or persons or property of the above description be injured.

Vide Public Letter Book of 1828 Page 354 for the Letter to Abdullah Bin Ahmed, Chief of Bahrein - dated 12th Decem. 1828.



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Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaikh of Bunder Dellum - Bushire 24th December 1828.
N.C.

Information has reached me that the Buggalah Salamiyeh the property of Afsoor a servant of the English Government has met with an accident near Bunder Dellum, and that there were two English Gentlemen on board at the time. -

I have likewise been informed that the whole of the property that was in this vessel has been saved and is now in your possession this doubtless proceeded from your great desire that the utmost care should be taken of all things belonging to the servants of the English Government, for which I return you thanks. -

But as I am desirous that this property should reach its owners with the least possible delay I have to request that you will let me know by the bearer where it is lodged that a vessel may be sent for it immediately. - The owners of the property will doubtless be ready to give the consideration usually bestowed on such occasions. -

The two Gentlemen who were on board are now living in my house, and I am in hourly expectation of the arrival of their horses after which I shall again communicate either by letter or otherwise in the mean time I recommend the vessel which is still in a good state although aground, to your special care that no further injury may happen to it. I beg to be favored with a speedy answer to this. -

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to El Khan - Bushire 26th December 1828.

N.C.
I beg to congratulate you on your arrival here and to express my great regret that I was not made acquainted with its being the intention of His Royal Highness the Prince to come into Bushire to day or I should have done myself the honor of going out to meet him. - So soon as I ascertained that His Royal Highness had actually arrived information was immediately sent off to the ship that a salute might be fired on this fortunate occasion. -

I beg to be informed when His Royal Highness will permit me to have the honor of waiting on him. -

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Vide Public Letter Book of 1829 Page 9 for the Letter to H.R. H. The Prince of Pers - dated 28th December 1828. - also Page 11 for the letter to the El Khan of the same date. -



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Letter to
H. H. the
Imam of
Muscat
dated 22nd
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Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Assoo Agent at Bahrein. - Bushire 5th January 1829.

Your letter dated the 28th December has reached me and I now enclose an answer to that of Shaik Abdoola bin Ahmed - Let me know to what extent Toorky bin Samud has the power of assisting Abdoolah and whether he is really willing to send down assistance to the coast - I enclose to you the copy of a letter which I have received from the Shaik of Bunder Dillum you will see that he tells a very different story from your Nachoda who I fear has proceeded to Bahrein - The letters you request shall be given to your Buggalah when she proceeds to Bunder Dillum. -

Send a particular report of the present state of Bahrein by the Amherst and acquaint the Captain with anything new which may have occurred. -

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to the Shaik of Bunder Dillum. - Bushire 5th January 1829.

A. C.

The bearer of this Salah Nachodah of the Buggalah Tavacolly is now sent to do the best that circumstances will admit respecting the property belonging to the British Agent Assoo that was in the Buggalah Salamutty which was wrecked near to Bunder Dillum and respecting which I have already written to you - I have now to request that you will give this bearer every friendly assistance in your power for the recovery of his Masters property, he will doubtless be empowered to make the arrangements usual on such occasions in proportion the services rendered.

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Abdullah Bin Ahmed - Bushire 5th January 1829.

A. C.

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your friendly letter of the 28th December and have again to repeat my sincere regret at hostilities still existing between my friend Syud Syud and yourself, respecting which I wrote so fully in my last letter and I shall never cease to be filled with the deepest regret at the peace of these seas being so interrupted, but I feel the utmost confidence in your assurances of the safety of all who may continue neutral. -

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Continue to send me accounts of your welfare and let me know when I can do any thing to bring about a good understanding among my friends. -

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Moola Hoopsen Agent at Sharga. - Bushire 5th January 1829.

I have received your letter dated the 20th Novem^r, and wish you to send me any further intelligence you may have obtained respecting the Howaid Bateel, whether the people were satisfied as much as the circumstances usual in such cases would admit, I wish to know likewise the same respecting the four Apse-loo Boats - With regard to Udwee and the other persons that you mention as being in confinement, I presume that the Chiefs are now becoming sensible that the Government will hold them responsible for the acts of their subjects, and it is highly proper that such people as you allude to should not be permitted to go about at perfect liberty until something shall be finally determined respecting them - Send me a particular report of all the occurrences in your neighbourhood and make the usual communications to the Captain of the Amherst respecting any thing you may have heard. -

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaik Sahnoon of Mootahel. - Bushire 5th Jan^y 1829.

A.C.

Not having heard from you lately I beg to be favoured with accounts of your health - I beg also to bring to your notice that no answer has as yet reached me to a letter from Mr. Hennell my Assistant which was forwarded by Moola Hoopsen to Khaleefa Ben. Doomoth for transmission to you whilst you were at Bahrein neither has an answer been received to a letter from myself dated _____ and sent to you by the Amherst when that ship last visited the coast. -

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Follan Ben Suggar. - Bushire 5th January 1829.

A.C.

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd November - With regard to the punishment



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punishment inflicted on Mooslim Bin Rashid the whole world know that it was justly deserved and that the common security and peace of these seas required that a signal example should be made of such villains and all that may be any way or manner encourage or support such murderers and thieves.

I shall communicate to my friend Syud Syed whose people were so basely slain what you say respecting the remainder of these men that were with the robber in the meantime I beg to intimate that the British Government considers all the Chiefs responsible for the people over whom they rule and have the power of punishing for any evil deeds and that I must look to you for the charge of these people until it be finally determined how they are to be disposed of such men bringing all whom they may approach into difficulties and dangers and it is not fitting that they should be suffered to go about the world entirely at liberty.

Continue to send me good account of your health.

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaik Abdool Ruffool - Bushire 10th January 1829.

A.C.

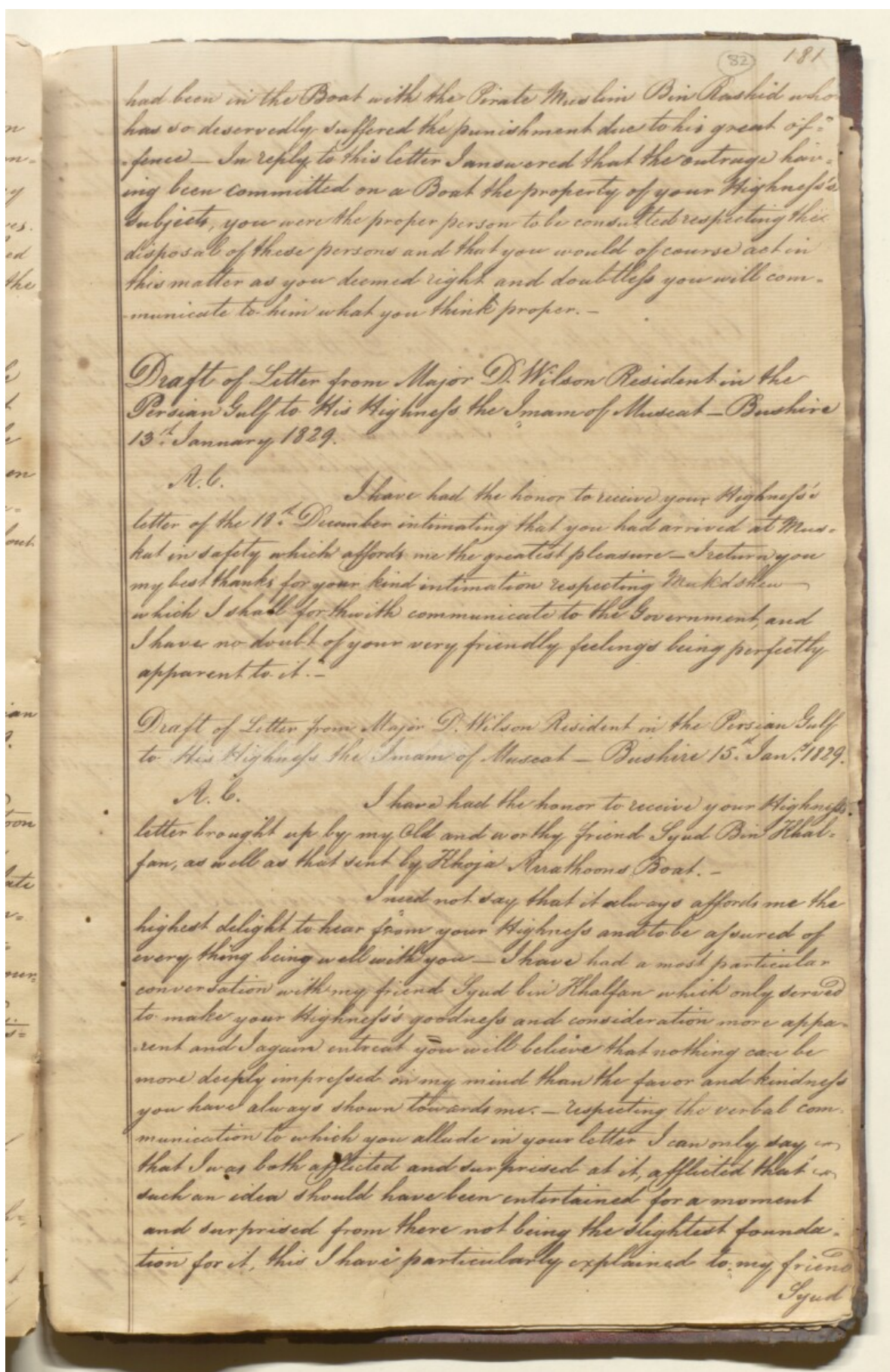
I have had the pleasure to receive your Note intimating that the whole of the District of Dashtyestoon had been given into your charge for the purpose of recovering and restoring the property of the people. I beg to congratulate you on this event and to assure you that I have every confidence in your desire to act towards those who are connected with the English Government, as if belonging to yourself and that you will do all in your power that their property should be recovered and that they should be satisfied.

Under Page 183 of this Book for the Letter to the Shaik of Bushire dated 11th Jan 1829.

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to His Highness the Imam of Muscat - Bushire 17th January 1829.

A.C.

I have the honor to acquaint your Highness that Sultan Bin Suggar having written a letter to me respecting what should be done with the remaining persons that had





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Syud Bin Khalfan - In one of your late communications you complain of not having heard from me but I trust as that the numerous letters I have lately had an opportunity of writing to your Highness will have proved that I have not been negligent in my duty - Continue to favor me with accounts of your welfare and prosperity and if I can do any thing I beg to be honored with your Highness's commands. -

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaik Sala of the Damookhs - Bushire 19th Jan^r 1829. A.C.

I have had the pleasure of receiving your letter and am most happy to learn that you are well. Touching the matter of your desire to be reconciled with Shaik Abdul Rusool, and to return to his service, the differences between you I beg to say that I am precluded by the orders of my Government from interfering in any way in such matters although it would afford me great pleasure to learn that your affairs had been adjusted. -

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaik Sala of the Damookhs - Bushire 23rd January 1829. A.C.

I have had the pleasure of receiving your letter. The great interest that I feel in yourself and Tribe will always make me rejoice at your prosperity and delighted when you may obtain your wishes. - You are desirous I should make engagements on your account with the Derriah Beggy that you may be received back again into his service from which you have been debarred for these three years. - It will afford me great pleasure when I learn that this affair is accommodated and I trust that it may be so by the blessing of God - but it is my duty to tell you at the same time that I am positively precluded by the orders of my Government from interfering in any way in such matters or guaranteeing in any one respect the conduct of one party to another. - I can only answer for myself and those immediately about me in the service of the Government - and God willing we shall always feel and act in the most friendly manner towards you and the good people of your Tribe. -



Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Pr.
sian Gulf to His Highness the Imam of Muscat - dated 2nd Janu-
ary 1829. N.C. 11/11/1829

Aug. 1857. N.C. I had the honor some time ago to forward to your Highness a letter from the Honorable the Governor intimating that he had sent from Bombay when I left that place two Guns of which he begged your Highness's acceptance. - I have now the honor to transmit them by the present opportunity they having been retained until now on account of some of their apparatus not having been delivered to me in Bombay and having only lately reached this place. -

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson - Resident in the Ter-
 ritory Gulf to The Chief of Bander Delima. - dated 11th January
 1829. A.C. The Power of his by name Major Ma-

N.C. The Bearer of this by name Hajie Mahomed Boor Ghis is the Nachoda of the Boat respecting which I wrote to you some time ago, he is now returning to Bander Belling to make every arrangement concerning the said Boat and I shall be enabled to judge of your friendly feeling by the way in which this business may be accomplished - The Nachoda is of course instructed to do what may be usual on such occasions. -

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to The Shah of Persia Durrani: - dated 25 Jan. 1829. A.C.

I have already written to you several letters respecting the Buggalah belonging to the English Agent. Also, wrecked at your place, desiring that you would afford every aid to his people who had been sent for the purpose of recovering the property, and who had been empowered by their Master to do what is usual in such cases towards the remaniration of any persons who took trouble on their account. But it has been reported to me that so far from receiving assistance these people have been ill-treated and things which had been landed by their own exertions and by the men to whom they had paid hire had been taken from them, and moreover that certain persons had been wounded



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Now although it is hardly possible for me to believe that you could be so far forgetful of your own interests as to act in this manner I think it necessary to desire that you will forthwith do what is becoming on this occasion towards recovering this property and that you will inflict the necessary punishment upon such of your people as may have been acting in this manner which will assuredly do an injury to yourself unless you act in the manner that has been pointed out to you. -

Draft of Circular Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to the Shaikh of Bharain to the Shaikh of Abothaber and to the Shaikh of Ras-ul-Khymah. -

A. C. and enquiries after health &c. -

Knowing the interest you take in the peace and good government of this part of the world which you are so well aware can be maintained only by the punishment of the guilty, I beg to solicit your attention to the accompanying List of persons who ^{have} committed such crimes as to render the apprehension of them a matter of great consequence to the interests of the well disposed. I therefore solicit that in the event if any of them at any time coming into your territories you will direct them to be forthwith seized and placed in confinement until their fate can be determined upon. I have likewise further to request that you will interdict all your people from having any communication with them for fear of being themselves involved in trouble. -

Dated 26th January 1829. -

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaikh Abdool Ruzsool - dated 26th January 1829. -

A. C.

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter intimating that you were about to proceed to visit all your districts in Dashestoon, which I trust you will find to your satisfaction. I trust also that the affairs of Bushire will be entirely prosperous during your



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your absence and it will afford me pleasure to contribute
to this as much as maybe in my power. -

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf
to Shaikh Abdool Russool at Sharga - dated 4th October 1837. -

Your letters of the 15th and 16th July 18th and 28th
August, 18th and 16th September have all reached me, and I am pleas-
ed with your diligence in transmitting such full reports. -

Your letter of the 15th July you intimate of your
having purchased a house (for the sake of the ground which is
convenient) with your own money, I presume that you mean the
money of the Government as you are aware the new house when
built, is to be the property of the Government for the use of the
Agents whatever he may be. -

The letter of the 19th July mentions Zet and Wf-
tea I wish you to send me the best description of these two places
you can learn, and whenever you mention the name of any place
for the first time always send the best information you can get
respecting its size, population, Fortifications &c. -

I shall be glad to know the nature of the
communication made by the messenger of Foorday bin Saied -
is Hoossein bin Ali, the former chief of Zogah now considered a man of
consequence and is the Wahabee faith still prevalent on the coast or
in the interior of Arabia? -

Letter 14th August
Send the best account you can of the numbers
and pearl of the Country in which the Moosadiv and Unacim Tribes
reside. -

Letter 28th August
Of what Tribe is Khaleefa bin Admisha and
how long has he been Governor of Debagh? and why was he ap-
pointed to this situation? -

Letter 8th September
I understand from this letter that the
Boats as well as all the property of every description seized
by Khaleefa bin Admisha was restored to the Sharga people be-
fore Captain Foer and you left Debagh. -

Letter 11th September
You mention that before Sultan bin Sagger
gave the final Order for his Boats to return to the pearl fishing



he sent to consult Rashed bin Humaid, did he do this on account
of his considering Rashed a powerful man or a person of judg-
ment - Have Ben Sagger and Ben Achmed so much influence
over the Bedoon as to make the people suppose that the Bedoons act
from their orders. I wish to know the names of the two men
who you state to have been killed by the Benyas in the
Sharga Baggara which was plundered of her main sail
and pearls, likewise the names of the 3 killed and the four
wounded in the Beattie which belonged to Wally Bin Turwick, and
Khalfan bin Akhmed - 1st September.

By whose order did the Debye people
attack the 1st Agman Baggara and have they and the property
in them been restored.

Letter to Mulla Hoossein
I am very glad to learn from this that
peace has once more been restored between the people of Ben
Sagger and Tanoon and that the latter is determined to cor-
rect what has been done amiss by his people. Let me know
what sum is considered equivalent to the life of a man and
what sum is considered a sufficient compensation for a
wound and to whom are these sums paid, to the nearest re-
lations of the persons killed and to the persons who have re-
ceived the wounds or to the Chief.